

**Castlebar Junior School
Parent Council**

Meeting #6 -- Minutes

March 4th, 2020

6:30pm

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Next meeting: April 1st, 2020

Attendees	Name	Role
School reps	Colleen Bellehumeur	Principal
	George Baiden	Co-chair
	Dorothy Milne	Secretary
Parent reps	Kim Barker Stacey Bowman Tania Goeke Lisa Greaves Emine Kosar Kim Huynh Law Crystal MacKay Nadia Mall Sarah Olinski Andy Pabari Jennifer Pikk Claudio Renini Lindsay Young	

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1. Introduction (George Baiden)

- Approval of February 5th, 2020 meeting minutes: ***Motion Approved*** (unanimous)

2. Chair report (George Baiden)

- Website update:
 - Micah absent, tabled until April 1st meeting

3. Principal's report (Ms. Bellehumeur)

- **March Break:**
 - Don't forget that March Break is a week later than usual this year (March 16th—20th)
- **Construction update:**
 - Blinds installed on east side of building (front end)
 - Some calking work still to be done
 - Front door was fixed, automatic door installed, but it requires adjustment
 - Universal washroom and boiler room still being worked on
 - Further work (piping for gas lines and a/c) to be done in the summer
- **Officer Shari visit:**
 - Students enjoyed presentations
 - Officer Shari visited with all classes
 - Presentations were about school safety (younger students) and online bullying (older students)
- **Pink shirt day:**
 - Teachers read books to students and showed videos
 - Some students wrote pledges
- **Dental screening:**
 - Public Health checked all students, notes sent home if there was any follow-up needed
- **Dewey decimal and world map:**
 - Library has new wall coverings with Dewey decimal system and a new world map
- **School logo:**
 - New banners put up around school
 - Ms. Bellehumeur would like to do two more banners, may request Parent Council to fund; cost would be \$500 if purchased on "half-price day"; Lindsay Young will investigate if she is able to get a better price for printing through work contacts (with specs from Claudio Renini and Betsy Orłowski)
- **Spirit wear:**

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- Ms. Bedwell researched options and contacted other schools, will be using MRS Sports
- Shirts will be pre-shrunk
- T-shirts=\$10, T-shirts + name=\$15 (Ms. Bellehumeur is considering only offering the name option to avoid a lot of lost and unlabeled shirts; adults will be able to purchase without a name)
- Sweatshirts=\$30, Sweatshirts+name=\$35
- Baseball caps=\$10
- **Parking:**
 - Thank you to those have been using the church parking lot safely
 - If parking on Chartwell, please park at least five metres away from the stop signs
 - At YMCA pickup, please do not park directly in front of the school; FYI, once construction is complete, YMCA will have its own pickup entrance and parking lot at the back of the school
- **Student enrollment:**
 - Projected enrollment of 199, hopefully this will mean two additional teachers
 - Growth is positive, provides opportunities for diversity and building out
- **Pizza lunch:**
 - Continues to be very well-organized, thank you to Pizza Lunch team!
 - Order forms for final round of pizza lunches due March 11th; please use School Cash Online if possible for payment (contact school if you have trouble using School Cash Online)
- **Scientists in the School:**
 - Currently in the booking process
 - Volunteers will be needed
- **Arts Express dance program:**
 - Looking into offering a dance program
 - Ms. Bellehumeur would like to do a student dance at the school opening
- **School opening:**
 - Tentative date is June 18th
 - TBD if event will be during school or after school (inside or outside)
 - Planning will ensure the event is student-oriented (i.e., attempting to keep speeches short and not having all speakers speak one right after the other)
 - If job action is still in effect, may need parent help
 - Lindsay Young offered her husband Demi's time and materials to help with a/v needs if desired

Other:

There was a question about the possibility of having the pickup time for the garbage

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changed. Currently bins in the parking lot are picked up at 8:30am and there were concerns raised that the movement of trucks has felt unsafe. Some parents indicated they will follow up by calling 311.

4. Treasurer's report (George Baiden [Nicole Tam absent])

- \$5370 available
- Motion put forward to release the remainder of teacher stipends: **Motion approved** (unanimous)
- Ms. Bellehumeur was able to purchase an additional 15 Chromebooks, but would like to purchase 5 additional Chromebooks for Spec Ed; Parent Council to vote next meeting on whether to provide the funds for the additional 5 Chromebooks (\$300 each)
- Kim Law to begin a list of potential items Parent Council could consider purchasing for next year and will present the list at next month's meeting

5. Valentine Candygrams update (Dorothy Milne [Betsy Orłowski absent])

- 5 deposits = \$704.50
- Cost of suckers = \$108.77 (Betsy paid out of pocket, will submit receipts to Nicole)
- Printed by Betsy (free)
- Total raised = \$595.73
- Thank you, Betsy!

6. Event planning update (Crystal MacKay and Kim Barker)

- **Family Fun Night** (March 6th):
 - Postponed due to current job action
 - Ms. Bellehumeur updated that it may be rescheduled if the Parent Council (not the school) registers and books the event; Parent Council does not need to pay for the space; Micah and George will need to submit a permit request
 - New date to be voted on next meeting
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
 - Options:
 - Use an online potluck planner (as has been done at Norseman)
 - Families donate money and a catered lunch is provided to staff, a suggested donation amount would be given
 - Catering options and potential dates will be researched and presented for a vote next meeting

7. Ad hoc discussion items

- n/a

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Upcoming meeting dates:

- April 1st, 2020
- May 6th, 2020
- June 3rd, 2020