## Casllifuar Castlebar Junior School Parent Council Meeting

## November 3rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: November 3rd, 2021| 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Castlebar Junior School - via Zoom
Zoom Link: https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96612954315
Next meeting: December 1st, 2021

| Attendees | Name | Role |
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| School reps | Colleen Bellehumeur Jennifer Delivuk | Principal Teacher (Kindergarten B) |
| SAC executive | Micah M. Rodrigues <br> Stacey Bowman Nicole Helserg | Chair <br> Treasurer Secretary |
| Parent reps | In attendance: <br> Alexis <br> Calum <br> Christina <br> Claudio <br> Crystal <br> Dorothy <br> Gordon <br> Kern <br> Khrista <br> Kimberley <br> Lindsay <br> Lisa <br> Nadia <br> Sarah <br> Simone | Regrets: Cynthia Gunjan Hinal Jamie Neeti Zainab |


| Topic/Discussion | Presenter | Notes |
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| Welcome <br> Approval of <br> October Minutes | Micah <br> Rodrigues | approved by council |
| Chairs' Report | Micah <br> Rodrigues, <br> Council | Teacher stipend \$4215 <br> Can submit receipts from summer; come from same pot of <br> money |


|  |  | Panago update: spoke with given no lead; they are doing it; same as last year last Thursday of every month except December will be one week earlier; waiting for code; once info solidified will send info to everyone |
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| Principal's Report | Colleen Bellehumeur Principal | Appreciate support of parent council <br> Students doing great job adjusting to cold weather Events: <br> - Halloween: no parade; no one on school property due to Covid; kids had fun <br> - Indigenous month: this month hosted guest speaker to one class (parent); hoping to expand in following years; resources provided to teachers \& ongoing education <br> - Happy Diwali: hosted parent for Diwali celebrations in Ms. Delivuk's class <br> - Remembrance Day: 1030 virtual celebration; parents welcome <br> Progress reports \& parent teacher interviews: <br> - Nov. 16 progress reports sent home <br> - Nov. 18/19 parent teacher interviews; using an online booking system <br> - Teachers will send link on Friday/Monday; first come, first served <br> - No grades; progressing well / very well / difficulty + learning skills <br> - Kindergarten--communication of learning Scholastic book fair: <br> - online; opens on Nov. 10; ends Nov. 24 <br> - Mr. McGinn to send info on how to visit website <br> - Portion of what you buy goes to school; supplies to library <br> Holiday concert: <br> - Awaiting guidelines from TDSB <br> - likely outdoor socially distanced event on field <br> Test kits <br> - Thank you to everyone for support re: Sick Kids saliva kits <br> - Results back in 24 hours <br> - One step closer to kids vaccinations-hoping to follow US lead <br> Picture Day <br> - Friday is picture day; Dec. 1 retake day |
| Teacher's Report | Jennifer Delivuk | Grateful for ongoing support <br> Kids diligent with mask wearing <br> Teacher wish list for stipend: <br> - Funds for grade 5 grad; hoping to do a celebration under Covid guidelines |


|  |  | - Tablets for junior grades \& primary grades - estimate-going through board pre-approved for use <br> - Containers for roblox <br> - Ms. Kim looking into STEAM program; hands on science programs; items including hand saws, drills, glue <br> - Kindergarten: bakeware; gross motor/taking care of environment, e.9., shovels, rakes <br> Need replacement plan for Chrome books to ensure students always have technology |
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| Treasurer's Report <br> - Budget <br> - Bank Statements | Stacey <br> Bowman | No transactions in October Will share bank statements when available |
| Ad hoc discussion items <br> IXL Update | All members | XL uodate <br> Connie: IXL expiring in January; can we purchase a school licence? Group buy? Cost is $\$ 18$ per student for the year. Colleen: purchased last year to support teachers \& students at home; current very small budget ( $\$ 36 \mathrm{k}$ ) for a range of things including teacher professional development, and supplies, paper, etc. Not in this year's budget and Parent Council cannot purchase curriculum needs <br> Micah: how does admin work? <br> Colleen: Reach out to IXL and they set it up; each teacher got a code <br> Dorothy: Is there an alternative? Staff thoughts? <br> Colleen: a lot of them use prodigy as is free; we can ask teachers to put a list together; e.9., Ms. Kim supports Minecraft education <br> Connie: Licensing minimum buy 25 students for schools for math \& English \$18/perstudent <br> Stacey: suggest Connie to draft info for parents; Colleen will send out through weekly update; Micah to review Colleen: you'd purchase through individual as community group <br> Connie: Can teachers suggest other apps please and can consider group buy for others? <br> Fundraising-Cookie fundraiser <br> Betsy: cookie fundraiser to start next week; Nadia has set it up with Terra Cotta; link is online; will be putting up posters next week around school; Colleen to send out information with newsletter to parents <br> Colleen: Can put flyers in back windows for parents Nadia: Nov. 8-22 ordering; flyer will go out Friday; please encourage everyone to share with friends \& family |


| Other fundraising |  | Distribution: Dec. 6 after school; will need volunteers for distribution; order drop off at 2 pm ; 45 min to organize for a Covid-safe drop off, e.g., each class will have area to pick up <br> Can't pick up? Let us know on order form <br> Fundraising-other <br> Micah: looking at online silent auction just before March break; Park Lawn has done it \& have reached out to Park Lawn chair for info <br> Similar to basket night at Norseman; each class has themed basket, e.9., before March break road trip theme Parent volunteers from each class to put together baskets Porch pick up <br> Another held later in Spring <br> Micah: Holding money back for a potential field trip, scientist in school event. With no pizza lunch funds, not same amount of money <br> Sarah: will send list of donors to Nadia as done before at Norseman <br> Micah: Trying to do one or two more fundraising events to have more wiggle room <br> Colleen: Teachers would rather hold scientist in school; if virtual not same impact <br> Micah: Park Lawn does a Purdys chocolate fundraiser for Easter, Valentine's Day; their feedback is easy to run; good response <br> Micah: Norseman does Plantables <br> Alexis: two indigenous plant nurseries we could consider <br> Micah: Need volunteers for cookie dough, grad committee; email council or fundraise email <br> Graduation <br> Micah: re: graduating class--reached out to Facebook council group; money put aside will go to graduating class to use as they wish <br> Other way-giving percentage from May to Sept and use for graduating class <br> Do we have a preference as a council? <br> Lisa: things we will have to pay for this year include big poster that says happy graduation; could be used year after year <br> What are parents comfortable spending? How much? <br> Nadia: good to have a budget to work toward; what fundraising can we tag to it. <br> Lisa: talk to Colleen, Ms. Hibbert, ideas \& pricing, put it together so council can do a vote <br> Colleen: lots of ways we can do grad; want to make it special; first year for our school <br> Lisa: book Crooked Cue; sell tickets |
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|  | If allowed could do a dance; could sell snacks and glow <br> sticks <br> Colleen: we will think about these things; limited on what <br> we can bring in to sell <br> Lisa: will put together guidelines; January to council vote <br> Pollinator program <br> update |
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| Pollinator program update |  |
| Alexis: thank you to everyone who volunteered; we didn't <br> meet our group minimum number; we did not match with <br> being a neighbourhood improvement area; will email with <br> ideas to be involved less costly next year |  |


| Action Items | Lead <br> Member | Deadline |
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| IXL note to <br> parents | Connie | Connie to draft note; Colleen to send to parents in weekly <br> email |
| volunteers <br> needed for <br> cookie <br> dough, grad <br> committee |  | email castlebarrocks@gmail.com or <br> castlebar.fundraise@gmail.com |
| guidelines <br> for <br> fundraising <br> (sales) | Lisa | Lisa to draft and council will vote January |
| learning <br> apps <br> suggestions | Colleen | teachers to be surveyed for best learning apps to <br> complement at home learning (e.9., Prodigy) |
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