

Rouge Valley Parent Council Meeting Dec 9, 2024

Attendance: Riaad, Kathy, Amra, Amna, Shannon, Tanique, Zameera

1. Welcome to Everyone

2. Principal Report

- a. Immunization event happened for the Grade 7&8's
- b. Reembrace Ceremony on Nov 11th occurred. Public was invited
- c. Progress Reports and Parent Teacher interviews went well even with the power outage.
- d. Empathy assembly
- e. RV hosted the Girls grade 6,7,8 Volleyball tournament. Fun was had by all
- f. The foodbank reps came in to do a presentation to our grade 6,7 & 8's talking about food insecurity and are getting set up to launch our annual food drive
- g. Thursday Dec 12th will be our Winter Concert. Many classes performing.
- h. Last Day of school for 2024 is Dec. 19th and there will be an assembly in the morning. First Day of School for Jan 2025 is Jan 6th!!

3. Financial Report

- a. In the bank we have \$3380 but we have a lot of money that needs to be deposited. Waiting for the concert night then a deposit will be made.
- b. We have sold 65% of our gingerbread kits. Will be selling the remainder on the concert night. Considering making it 3 kits for \$10....
- c. The raffle basket will have tickets sold next week during morning recess and also on the concert night. The draw will happen the following day
- d. On the concert night, we will be selling Popcorn, Water, Reindeer Candy Canes, gingerbread kits and Raffle basket tickets. We are looking for volunteers to help!
- e. The Knights Village across the street have generously donated 2 6ft tables to RV!! We plan to send them a Thank you card

4. Nutrition

- a. All is going well!
- b. We are getting some great donations like a huge box of cheese strings. Kids are loving it
- c. Blueberries have been requested from the kindies as they are well loved!

5. Fundraising

- a. Riaad has asked to have a fundraising committee set up to plan the rest of the year. It was mentioned that a small group had already discussed plans for the whole year and the only fundraisers left for this school year are:
 - i. Popcorn weekly
 - ii. Terra Cotta cookies every other month
 - iii. Spring Raffle Baskets
 - iv. And Freezies
- b. Another suggestion made was a to investigate Jibitz for Crocs. This fundraiser can be run May & June with Crocs are back at school. Shannon had found a person in the community that can make them custom for schools and has pricing. This was thought to be a good fun things for the kids
- c. Tanique mentioned her company she works for sells Jamaican Patties. She thought it would be a lot of fun to do a Patty day lunch. Tanique will be checking pricing on base cost of patties what ingredients are in them so it can be marketed to the kids with all information.
- d. Riaad mentioned that we can look at the TDSB approved fundraiser vendors for more ideas.

6. Pro Grant

- a. Kathy had applied to the Pro Grant and is waiting to hear if we are approved. She applied to have a Chefs night with the Rooks to Cooks people coming in and teaching families how to cook on a small budget. If approved, we will be holding the evening on Feb 20 with the back-up date being April 15th

7. New Items

- a. Shannon had mentioned that her class made use of the Day Trippers a few times last year to take their classes out on field trips. This year, they were turned down as they no longer do this for kindergartens. So, it was brought up to council that they are wondering if council would consider giving each class money towards an experience. This could be for scientist in the class, a field trip, for other interesting things for the kids. The council thought this was a great idea and will look at their money so far. It was also mentioned that for the council to fund these things, we need to do fundraising.

Next Meeting: Jan, 20, 2025. Happy New Year!!!