

Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes –

Wednesday September 27th 2023 @ 6:30pm (in person)

Attending: Loriann Halliday, Tiffany Kress, Julie Boeckmann, Misia Machnowski, Alex Smith, Danna Broadworth, Christine Howe, Diana Alviani, Kiran Dharani, Hajni Bowers, Jeni Sirenko, Kelly MacIntosh, Shannon McEachran, Melissa McCready, Anna Maxfield, Hossein Abollee, Gloria Camilleri, Jessica Lowes, Jackie Stafford

1. Approval of Minutes & Land Acknowledgement: Tiffany Kress

Approval of Jun 2023 minutes: Julie Boeckmann / Alex Smith

Approval of Sep 2023 agenda: Jenni Sirenko / Christine Howe

*note this year Council must stand during the Acknowledgement

5. Fundraising: Misia Machnowski (calls in)

- discussed this school year's fundraising calendar in detail

- Danna asked why we aren't using Cakes & Bakes as they are nut free but Misia explained we used them last year and only made \$20, hoping this partnership will be more lucrative

- Jenni reported that we are +\$27 over our \$1K minimum with Entripy now, we are finally making money!

- Julie asked could we do a movie night in the field as a fundraiser? We need to find contacts at schools who do similar events to see how they do it cost effectively because equipment rentals are quite pricey. Tiffany mentioned it is possible, we could add to our lineup of events to look into.

2. Council Kickoff: Tiffany Kress

- brief recap and review of open positions (Secretary, D&I co-lead, co-Chair)

- Danna reports that she and Heather would like a new Traffic Safety position opened up to start shadowing them as both are stepping down at end of year

4. Treasurer's Report: Christine Howe

- reviews disbursements/outstanding (General Mercer & James S Bell, our Fun Fair donation recipients, have not cashed their cheques yet)/available funds

- Julie asked if we could add in an area on the statement that breaks out annual expected expenses, Christine said this is a possibility

- Kelly asked if we gave something to Heather Tanti, a parent & Council member at the school for many years. Christine is to confirm.

3. Report from the Staff: Jackie Stafford, Gloria Camilleri, Jessica Lowes

Jessica

- went over some cross country meet details, note that grades 1 & 2 only race to gain experience, bus shuttles will be provided this year
- Moozoom is in all classes now. It teaches students about life topics like social media, responsibility, anxiety etc, not so much right vs wrong but more perspectives/platforms for discussion. It is being received well by students. Families will be able to access too.

Gloria

- TF \$2100ish raised
- Orange Shirt Day will be recognized September 29th and the Forest Valley outdoor centre field trip that day will be incorporating activities surrounding the theme
- soccer, Mr Evans took 15 girls, the tournament is October 12th at Swansea
- there is a new 837am bell as a result of the PA system update, this signals that it is 15 minutes to go time! 2 teachers, one at each end of the school start grounds supervision at this time

Jackie

- photo day is October 3rd
- looking for feedback on the new Meet the Teacher night format – teachers still need to move some parents through faster; parents were happy to bring kids with them; keep in mind that kindie & new to the school parents appreciate the most info from teachers; a map where all teachers are stationed would be helpful (esp non homeroom teachers)
- CCAT testing coming up for grade 3s
- outdoor clothing drive will be soon, last year generously donated to General Mercer who were very appreciative
- 3 fire drills have been completed for the fall, one lockdown and one bomb threat to do then all 5 drills will be repeated in the spring
- trying to provide leadership opportunities for the grade 4s and 5s, with only 4 lunchroom attendants, these kids have been very helpful
- the Book Fair will be held the third week of November
- expenditures to vote on:
\$4375 for the teachers

\$2475 for Scientists in School (\$225 x 11 classes)

\$700 for the 2 buses for Cross Country + \$200 for timing chips for grades 3-5

\$500 for non-sports extracurricular items

\$200 slush fund for small office reimbursements

- took a vote for \$4075 for the bottom 4 items *11/12 voting members present voted in favour

- Kelly took this time to touch on the purchase of carbon dioxide measurement units for the classrooms to help with air quality readings, these could ring in at \$200-500 depending on how good the unit is; decided at this stage to maybe test pilot one first?

7. Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism: Shannon McEachran

- existing library materials are ready but they will be looking for some more titles

6. Traffic Safety Update: Danna Broadworth (for Heather)

- not sure where the orange pylons came from along Humbervale but every little bit helps!

8. Other Items

- a potential hot lunch provider meeting with Pita Pit is taking place on Friday 29th, they are the current leading option

- future big ticket projects like a new kindie yard and astroturfing the field need to find a place in our financial projections if we hope to ever move them forward

9. Closing - first 2023/24 meeting is October 11th IN PERSON

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm