

Attendees: Joanne DeSantis, Gretchen Brown, Scott Reilly, Sarah Fields, Heather Ford, Stevie Marwood, Chelsea McCaw, Sarah Cassidy, Corrie Wessels, Richelle Glenn

Regrets: Rickie Smith, Rebecca Howat

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Gretchen Brown.

Welcome: We opened with the land acknowledgement and a prayer.

Past Minutes: Minutes from November were approved. (Sarah Fields made a motion for approval, Gretchen 2nd the motion, **PASSED**)

Treasurer Report:

- \$3589.79 total in account
- \$360.00 withdrawal for the cookie activity in December
- Parent Council Acct is \$645.26
- Parent Involvement acct is \$2,292.41
- Brought in \$637 from pepperoni fundraiser to put toward basketball nets

Teacher/Staff Report:

- Starting to plan skating days for all grades (JK to 8)
 - Classes will be spread out over different days, teachers will be in touch with parents and volunteers will be needed!! Lots of skates will need to be tied!
 - All students will attend, but it is not a requirement to skate. There will be staff supervising other outdoor activities (ex. Natural Playground).
 - Can not go on the ice without a helmet
 - The school has skates, but not helmets, helmets will be sent from home but all safety approved helmets are acceptable (ex. Bike, ski, hockey, etc.)
- Grades 4 – 8 have ski days booked
- Snow shoeing is being planned for JK, SK, 1 and 2

Principal Report:

- Supervision on yard – operational item
 - Joanne went through the supervision schedule and breakdown of staff ratio per location in great detail
 - Currently implementing indoor volleyball during recess, which is removing 25 students from the yard
 - Protocols were reviewed at last staff meeting
 - Items discussed were visibility vests, scanning, procedures (ex. Pickup changes, etc.)
- Newsletter: its coming! The staff have until Friday to submit content.
- Upcoming Theme Days: Jan 25th – Bell Let's Talk Day, Feb 22nd – Pink Shirt Day & Ash Wednesday
- Potential Poutine Day at ski hill Feb 10th
- WIZARD OF OZ is coming to Sacred Heart!
 - 3 teachers are taking on running and planning the show for grades 5 to 8. The play will take place during education week, which is the first full week of May.

Fundraising/Parent Engagement Discussion:

- Basketball fundraising target has been met!! \$5800 raised!! Hoping nets will go in the week of Feb 6th
- Other items needed are a 200 inch motorized screen (\$2800)
 - Could be installed at the same time as the nets
 - Poles that can be adjusted for volleyball, and all racquet sports. Current poles and nets are outdated and lacking
- Sarah Fields made a motion that we run a doughmama fundraiser to raise the money for the new screen. Sarah Cassidy 2nd, **PASSED**
- A discussion was had about the potential of getting more things to do on the yard, specifically for the intermediate and senior grades. From this discussion, the TD Grant was revisited. This process was started during covid, Joanne is going to review the process and reach out to Rickie.
- The school ECO Club is also already planning the gardens
- Wizard of Oz potential fundraisers?
 - Flower Fundraiser (connect with a flower shop to get roses for those students involved. Parents would purchase and percentage would go toward fundraising). Gretchen is going to follow up.
 - Elementary School Performances used as potential fundraisers? Busing could be a potential problem, Joanne is going to look into this.
- Selling Chocolate at Easter?
- These Four Walls in Trenton, offer fundraisers through the school. Corrie is going to get more info on this.
- Sarah Cassidy and Sarah Fields looking into Rawdon Creek Soap Fundraiser for Mothers Day.

Shrove Tuesday Planning (Feb 21):

- Volunteers?
 - Richelle, Jenn, Sarah Cassidy, Scott, Gretchen are all available to volunteer
 - Stevie and Sarah Fields are confirming
 - Joanne is going to confirm that the Ladies of Sacred Heart are willing to help again this year.
- Pancakes will be made at the church again, but we can eat in the gym all together again!!
- We have lots of syrup but need more pancake mix. Currently we have 2 boxes. Scott is going to connect with Quaker and Foodland to see about potential donations.

Parent Engagement Ideas:

- Movie Night (to celebrate the new screen!) on February 24th
 - Gretchen is going to reach out to a cotton candy vendor
 - Sarah F is going to reach out to the Joice family about cotton candy machine
 - Joanne is going email the list of movies we have rights for.
- Paint Night at These Four Walls in Trenton.
- Lalaland Glass Studio in PEC offers sessions to schools grades 5 to 8. Each student makes 2 different pieces for \$15 per kid. We could invite parents and use parent engagement fund to help cover the cost.
- Crockadoodle Pottery in Cobourg offers sessions to schools grades JK to 4. Each student makes an item of their choice for \$12 a kid.
- Everyone in attendance agreed that both of these sessions would be fantastic and that if possible we would love to combine them into the same day and use as gifts toward Mother's Day.
- Heather made a motion to completely cover the full costs of both the pottery and glass sessions. Richelle 2nd, **PASSED.**
- Sarah Cassidy and Joanne to follow up with regard to booking etc.

Other Business:

- The Vendor Fair and Fun fair ideas were brought up again and it was decided that these events would be put on hold until next year.
 - The vendor fair would overlap with the musical and might be too much.
 - The Fun Fair is a HUGE event and requires a collaboration between staff and council.
 - Potential to run this alongside an open house and September.
 - We will continue to discuss at future meetings.
- Basketball try outs will be starting as soon as mother nature allows for both boys and girls grades 4 to 8.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM by Gretchen

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 15TH @ 6pm