

Sherwood Parent Council

January 25 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mr Harkness, Yvette, Sherry, Megan, Ania O'Neill

1. Principal's Report:

- a. NPDL Project = New Pedagogy for Deeper Learning. Our school is focusing on citizenship. The new report card coming from the province contains a lot of aspects from this program. Main focus is engagement with student, getting them interested in what they're passionate about. Example is case from Renfrew as discussed previously with students walking, noticing Garbage and creating signage to help stop the littering. Program is hoping to get students engaged about their community/country, province etc. Teachers ask students questions, then lead from students.
 - i. Social studies is a big part but then as part of the project there are other subjects involved such as persuasive writing, math, surveys, graphs etc. Yvette asked if there could be a letter to discuss this with other parents so there could be more information about this. Mr Harkness will discuss with others who know more about the program and come up with a cheat sheet that can be sent home to parents
- b. Food basket – Nutrition program – It's still a problem. There are no kids permitted in the snack room however it still seems to be a problem with kids going in there that do not need it, just don't like their lunch etc.
 - i. 2nd part to this is that the healthy snack program (province) has scolded the program for purchasing the incorrect granola bars which apparently are not acceptable.
 1. Mr Harkness has a list and will discuss with Denise.
 - ii. In addition, budget can only be used to purchase the food, any supplies like paper plates, napkins, wax paper etc must be purchased with other funds
- c. Fundraising balances (approximate)
 - i. 1131.10 for Chocolate bar sales
 - ii. 1086.26 from Fall Bingo
 - iii. 1078.93 Craft Sale
 - iv. According to the rules set by the board, have to have 2 separate accounts one for lottery related fundraising (50/50, Bingo etc) and the other for regular fundraising school/parent council together.
 - v. In lottery account there is \$4,096 and regular account \$9917 for a total of \$14,013
 - vi. The rules are we need to have a specific budget/goal and all monies should be spent by end of year. If we are carrying more than \$500 over into next year,

they are likely to start cutting school budgets to compensate for the overage. So we need to be more specific going forward and know approximately what is needed and be careful about how much money we are raising.

- vii. We can brainstorm ideas about what we can spend it on. Mr Harkness will ask the teachers for ideas or what they think is needed as well.
 - viii. In relation to this the previous request from the library to purchase more primary books in the cost of \$1268.61 was discussed and approved since we have an overage of money currently and this will help the students in the long run.
 - d. Supervision at lunch time. Students are currently eating in classrooms with one teacher to supervise. The ratio is 1 for 100 students but it's tricky with the kindergarten class as they shouldn't really be left unsupervised. Mr Harkness is thinking about testing out having the Grades 1-8 go eat their lunch in the cafeteria so there would be one supervisor in the cafeteria and then 1 dedicated to the kindergarten room. Yvette had a concern about timing since there is only 20 minutes and many students already don't eat their lunch in the allotted time. Mr Harkness will test it out and see how it goes.
 - e. Fire alarm yesterday was not a drill, a sensor malfunctioned, however there was no way to cancel and they legally have to wait until the fire chief has given the ok. It was very cold outside, and the sensor malfunctioned so Mr Harkness has been given permission from the Fire Chief to come up with a contingency plan once everyone is outdoors and accounted for, to then enter the gym.
2. Teachers report – nothing to report
 3. Co-chairs report – craft fair results – discussed above with fundraising section 1.c
 4. Budget/Fundraising Goals – adjusted, no more Bingo at this point, Pizza will continue as people do expect it and wait all year, so these funds will be added to what we have to spend by end of June
 - a. Field trips – once the teachers know more about what they are doing for trips we can then give an equal percentage to each grade as some trips cost more than others, but we should give an equal percentage to each class.
 - b. The grade 7/8 class has an opportunity to go on an overnight trip in conjunction with Killaloe school to Toronto so this could also be something we help with, but need more information if it's happening
 - c. Nutrition program (\$500 donation) would be fine, ok to donate these funds perhaps to fund the paper plates/supplies etc. For future should be purchased at Costco that way we have a lot. So if we have a list if someone knows ahead of time they can go.
 - d. Transparency – not needed now if we have too many funds, but something to look at for the future, if there is an actual specific goal (such as play structure in the past) to have a visual representation, but off the table for now.
 5. 2018 Fundraisers –
 - a. Scrapped for now, though they will still do Pizza.

- b. A fun paint night with the kids would be good, just probably can't be a fundraiser could just be an activity for fun. Or any type of art program would be wonderful since the train station programs are no longer available/not an option
- 6. Archery Program
 - a. Yvette wanted to discuss this as she had a man stay at the hotel who had trained Steve and Rebecca last year, but Steve is now gone and Rebecca has too much on her plate. No archery program was completed with the kids last year. There should be someone else trained as there are apparently supplies somewhere. For older kids only. Can this be started again? Mr Harkness would look into it.
 - b. In relation to this Yvette asked about something for the arts, like a painter coming into the classrooms and spending a week with students to do some art. Perhaps this is something we can spend some money on. Need teacher input/approval so Mr Harkness will ask.
- 7. Other business- none
- 8. Date for next meeting: **Thursday March 22 2018**