

# Sherwood Parent Council

## Nov 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mr Harkness, Yvette, Sherry, Denise, Megan, Margaret, Natalie, Vanessa

### - **Principal's Report**

1. Hugli's field trip was a success with students and staff. Great event for building school community.
  - Parent Council paid for the transportation/busing.
2. Sherwood is participating in NPD: New Pedagogies for Deep Learning
  - Sherwood's focus is Citizenship, it will encompass all disciplines
  - other schools have had great success with this program
3. Holiday concert will be December 19, at 6pm
  - next year we may have a combined concert with the high school
4. Audit of finances
  - our bank balance was too high in September
  - we should spend the funds that we raise in the school year
  - we need a specific purpose for fundraising
  - Council needs to know what the teachers/school need so we can contribute
    - we could contribute towards busing costs
    - we could donate funds to the nutrition program, e.g. start a breakfast fund, or provide lunches for kids without
  - Nutrition basket - is used too liberally. How can it be controlled?
    - fruit bowls in the classrooms? will kids eat it?
      - we could try it on days when there is no healthy snack
  - breakfast club from 800-815 (before school)
    - need volunteer(s) to run it, Vanessa offered
    - there may be a different nutrition grant for a breakfast program
  - communication should go home to remind parents to remind students that the snack bowl is for students without enough food
  - Should the snack bowl offer more nutritious option, ie, not granola bars?

### - **Newsletter**

- It was mentioned that important events/reminders are better on the calendar, in the squares

### - **Bingo recap (Nov 16, 2017)**

- approx. 109 people attended
- cash prizes went really well overall
- we could incorporate cash prizes into the Easter bingo, e.g., for regular games
- the float needs more change in it
- there was again a problem with the legion selling Nevada tickets during bingo, this is not allowed.

### - **Craft Fair (Dec 2, 2017)**

- Canteen:
  - chilli, hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee/tea, pop, water, hot chocolate with whip cream and candy cane, chocolate bars.

- Denise and Sherry will run the canteen
- Margaret and Sherry will make chilli
- Denise will make buns
  
- Face painting/cookie decorating:
  - from 9am-12pm
  - ask Ms Poff's 7/8s if they will do face painting and cookie decorating
  - Megan will make the cookies (50?), and icing, get decorating items
  - Megan will get face paint
  - we could also ask a high school student who wants volunteer hours
  
- Music: Sherry will play music
  
- Margaret offered to send out thank you cards to business/individuals who donate to the raffle table, etc. (get 50 cards with school logo)
  
- Volunteers need to set up night before and morning of; as well as clean up afterwards
  - Yvette will man the ticket table; handle the money for the day
  - Sherry will set up the raffle table during the week
  - raffle tickets need to be made and perforated
  - there is a bin of Christmas decor/stuff that Krista found
- See if we can get the Valley Gazette to cover the fair; send them a thank you
  - as well see if the radio station would do a live broadcast
  
- **Christmas lunch** Thursday, Dec 21
  - volunteers needed day before to prep
    - Ask Ms Poff if 7/8s help with prep like last year?
    - high school nutrition students could also help (24 students)
    - students peel potatoes, carrots; cut bread and onions; make cupcakes and icing
  - volunteers needed day of to serve and clean up: Megan, Margaret, Jennifer, Denise, Sherry, and Natalie
  - No visit from Santa, kids will be too excited
  - Mr Harkness to inquire about children who do not participate, can still have the lunch
  - Sherry will provide music
  - any other tasks to assign?
  
- **Facebook contest**
  - \$25 Pizza Pizza gift card when we reach 100 likes
  - Contact Krista to add to the newsletter
  - include in the morning announcements
  
- **Moved to next meeting:**
  - 2018 fundraising plans
    - we need fundraising goals
    - consider fundraising options, e.g., option for parents to opt out and pay a "fee" instead
  - planting boxes - didn't Mr Griffiths get a grant in June 2017 to build these?
  - sign paint night in February?

**Date for next meeting: 25 January 2018, 6pm**