

Elgin Street Public School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes February 13 2023 7:15 pm-9:15 pm

Attendance: Katie Gibbs, Rebecca Mulligan, Rabia Sajjad, Zofia Mazurek-Durlak, Teresa McLeod, Vicki Esplin, Kylie Willcocks (teacher), Brian Begbie (Principal), Ingrid Bower (teacher)

We did not have quorum until 7:44 pm we had it until 8 pm

Administrative items

1. Approval of Agenda - deferred
2. Approval of [Minutes](#) (Jan) (Decision) -deferred
3. Treasurer's Report (Jan) (Discussion/Decision) -approval deferred

Rebecca presented her report with an update from Brian on the last tab regarding Arts spending and the donation for the kindergarten team

4. Principal's Report (Discussion)

- Different activities are ongoing, shared via the newsletter
- Some examples include: black history month bingo, pink shirt day activities, field trips: swimming for grade 3, Parliament, Borden Ball, skating, there are also have a heart day events being planned
- The original slogan has been reinstated at Elgin Street Public School: It's cool to be kind!
- Teacher educator survey at meetings: teachers are in favor of \$100 reimbursement if council offers it.
- There was a wish list created by staff for possible Parent council items with bigger ticket items, Brian will come back with the items, once he discusses them further with staff
- There is still a beat dancing workshop, the school will likely use pizza money to fund it.
- End of day activity: please dont allow children to play on the jack purcell ice or climb on the structures around the ice.
- **Natalie made a Motion to move \$128 from SGF to arts fund Vicki seconded it was carried**

Parent-driven & Priority Agenda Items

5. Fundraising discussions (discussion, vote)

5.1. Fundraising Chair's report

5.2. Movie night update

- We had some grade 7 visitors for Movie night
- **Action: 2nd movie night, we have don't have a photo of the cash sheet, Natalie will send the total on to Rebecca when she finds it**
- 3rd Movie night profit was 138 dollars
- March 3rd and 31st are the next movie nights

- There is a date in April we have not dedicated to Movie night. It could be used for parents for French and/or a PRO grant
- They have not been big fundraisers this year
- **Action: Natalie will send out a sign up sheet for Movie nights for March**

5.3. Grounded Fundraiser

- Andrea provided grounded fundraiser details.
- Grounded will do a fundraiser with the BBQ plate, they will donate \$5 from every plate February 21st - March 4th
- **Action: if Andrea could clarify the questions Maria sent then we can go ahead and add the information onto the newsflash.**

5.4. Merry Dairy Fundraiser:

- we could print some posters and post them around the community, share on socials to increase contributions

5.5. TruEarth Fundraiser

- Passive eco soap, another school in Ottawa is using them, we sign up and get a dedicated link, then you receive 20% of sales from the fundraiser
- **Action: Katie will sign up on our behalf, and will share the link**

5.6. Book fair

- We need more council volunteers so that there is enough people if someone gets sick
- Please send an email with an idea of what you can do, what your skill set offering is etc (ie. media, communications, sorting)
- Jobs needing people:
 - Coordination of sorting is a task for one person. That would be someone who makes the schedule and ensures there are enough people present to complete the shift.
 - Silent Auction Coordinator needed, could be from the school community
 - Marketing Coordinator needed
 - Printing the big banner for outside
 - Tracking the contributions of the classes and giving out prizes to classes
 - **June 1-4 Thursday through Sunday is the book fair**
 - **Action: by next meeting Natalie will come back with the exact number needed for volunteering and in the meantime an ask will be sent out to the school community to see who can commit.**

5.7. Parents Reaching Out Grant

- Similar to last year the school board sent out some ideas that we can use the PRO grant money for. Last year we did scientists in the school.
- Information was shared about criteria to select grants.
- Format is open ended
- The deadline for application is February 20th.

- **Action: Katie will share the pro grant criteria and council members and the school community can share ideas with Katie so she can submit an application.**

5.8. Arts letter

- Brian will set up the letter.

6. Ice rink updates and skate/helmet discussion (Discussion/Vote)

6.1. Parent council connecting with rink coordinator

- As discussed prior, please attempt to keep children off the ice wherever possible.

6.2. Skate/ helmet discussion

- The school purchased helmets with pizza money to help make skating accessible for all. They are looking at purchasing a few more.
- The skates/helmets need to be fitted, sharpened.
- The school's intent is to keep a small amount of helmets that are not expired.

7. Swimming update

- There is a shortage of lifeguards, Jack Purcell is running the swim to survive program for grade 3 students
- They are using pizza funds to help pay for this.

8. Staff spending for classrooms/students (Discussion/Vote)

Action Item: Brian to give send out information about exact amount of staff for EA's, ECE, teachers

9. Parent Items

9.1. Before school line-ups: is it possible to go back to pre-covid rules with entry in the morning. The arrival gates will be discussed at the staff meeting. Between 8:00 am to 8:15 am is not a recess. There are only 2 teacher supervisors. Adults / Parents will not be admitted to the yard. Generally, the procedures at this time are for the safety of the students.

Action: Brian will come back to this table with an update on this with regard to multiple entry points.

9.2. Student agenda: Question: In the past student's had agendas and calendars being handed out.

Answer: We are noticing board wide that the main method of communication is no longer written or printed but by email. They were not being used. Currently, the process is teacher centered. In June last year, they discussed it as a staff last June and decided they were not going to use them

10. Discussion items for next meeting agenda

Standing items

11. OCASC Representatives' Report

12. Chair's report, Set Next Meeting
March 6th, 2023