

Parent Council Meeting
October 5, 2022 Minutes

- Welcome: largest council attendance!
- Land Acknowledgement
- Principal Report:
 - Money raised: \$6145 from book fair, \$1500 from BBQ
 - Volunteer opportunities: nutrition program, library program, parent reading program
 - 363 students in building, 370 students overall (VES), potential for growth due to developments in Vincent Massey zone
 - Orange Shirt Day: high student engagement, review of meaning behind the day, visit with Chad Solomon. Every month the school relays a sacred teaching and then recognizes a student who embodies the teachings and values. This month: Respect. Last month: Courage
 - Planning festive dinner for November: will be calling on volunteers.
 - Academics: diagnostics for reading and math by teachers. Clear understanding for reading, comp and vocab, as well as overall for math. Will be moving into school improvement planning.
 - Purchased math resources: Edwin 'My Math Path', has social studies and science as well. Can find a CRRP using Edwin as well. Edwin is a yearly purchase. Gr 1-2: Mathology was purchased, centre-based and peer working based. Potential for council to purchase, Mathology is \$150 per teacher.
 - PLC: learning for teachers and admin, will be attending one for guided reading upcoming. Opportunity to send a note to the teachers thanking them for the hard work behind the scenes.
 - Must have \$1000 in budget for playground inspection at all times.
- Housekeeping:
 - Treasurer report: each term we are given \$500 towards Communication Fund, during 2021 term council voted to take the Communication Fund and apply towards the purchase of signage for the school so parents can be updated on upcoming events through signage outside the school
 - Parent engagement/teacher feedback surveys: survey to parents/teachers, opportunity to get feedback regarding parent engagement specifically. Opportunity to collect emails, contacts and introduce parent council as well. Ex: things we can do to make communications with parents more accessible (email, form sent home). Feedback involves: time of meetings, barriers to attending meetings, ways to get engagement up (potential for in person meetings as well as virtual). The survey may need to be streamlined. Survey was made available on google forms; Ms. Fallis sends to parents. Find what parents want to see from us, objectives for council. Korri, April and Riisa Dear volunteered to spearhead the parent/teacher survey. Teacher feedback: what resources would be beneficial to them and the students (stack cups, French-English dictionaries, etc). We have summary from last year but some items have not been purchased yet. Need to

review and purchase from last year, need to review wording around what can be purchased (not consumables). Next meeting: have the survey go out before then in order to review next meeting

- Parent Reaching Out Grant: host event(s) that gets parents to come out and engage with the school council. Ex: yoga day on a Saturday morning. Get ideas from parents.

*School board is moving into in person meetings as of November for their council meetings.

- Establishing fundraising initiatives: poinsettias, recipes in a jar (potentially cancelled), Kernels fundraiser, cheese company in Campbellford (Christmas), meats (March Meat Madness), Healthy Hunger: allows hot lunches every day of the week for students (need to sort out logistics), potential for specific shirt days to purchase through the school (donation to organizations from school fundraising in selling shirts – need vendors,etc). Potential for other avenues of fundraising every month. Need someone to take point on organizing poinsettias pick-ups. Selling poinsettias and cheese at November market. Festive baskets sold at December market (represent each holiday/culture): buy a ticket and raffle for baskets. Idea to do smaller baskets (3-5 baskets total).
- Round table: open floor. Book swap idea, March is national reading month
- Closing remarks: next meeting will be on **November 2, 2022**

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