

Dufferin Parent Council - Wednesday November 9th, 6:30 pm

Present: Monika Van't Spyker (chair), Sandra Bonbled, Jennifer O'Brien, Jocelyn Jay, Sean Gibbon, Temple Swift, Andrea Harvey, Becky Holmes, Rachel Zabel, Trisha Simon, Kathryn Romphf, Christina Gilman, Daniel Pickersgill, Cathy Costa-Morris

Regrets: Thomas Stratford, Gord McCreary

Last month's minutes

Acceptance of minutes

Motion made by Trisha, Seconded by Sean. Minutes passed by all

Principal's Report

Projector

Mme Bonbled was under the impression that a quote had been given to DPC back in May, 2017. New quote was given from board approved vendor (only one that can be used). Projector with materials and installation - \$7085 + HST, Cage would be \$475 + HST. Gord (via e-mail) feels this is no longer a viable option for the DPC. Motion made by Jocelyn to cancel the previous motion from May 2017 to fund the projector to an amount of \$3000, Seconded by Cathy. All in favour. Motion passed.

Unfortunately, Dufferin was not the successful recipient of greening grant. Went to a Catholic school.

New kindergarten teacher hired – Brianne Sherk. Julie Desjardins is leaving the school and moving to another board. Her last day will be Friday November 10th. Mlle. Sherk will start as soon as a replacement for her can be found.

Michelle Strickland is off on leave until at least December and Mme Brown (the current teacher in the role who is a retired teacher) is out of days. No one has applied for the job at this point. There are some options that are being suggested but the job is open until Friday.

Yoga has begun at Dufferin. Students have enjoyed the first session.

Financial Report

\$ 13, 581.52 opening balance

\$ 2,436 - \$6/students (funds for DPC – wish list or extra curricular) - withdrawal

\$ 20 – babysitter for DPC - withdrawal

\$ 682.18 – Calendar account

\$ 11,125.52 – closing balance

Teacher's Report

Projector from Mr. Kranenburg – inquiring if we could get another quote. He has been informed that we are not moving ahead with this project.

Volleyball and Wrestling have started up and have lots of interest.

Baseball and Intermediate Soccer all did well

No junior soccer team this year

Looking into having a student rep from student council.

Fundraising

Kelly and Cathy put out on Facebook about needing donations and got 10 from that. Need them by November 20th.

Cinnabon going well (we think). Lots of interest from all members and their families. Cathy will be talking to Nancy tomorrow to check on numbers. 3 pick up days reserved.

Facebook Page

Jocelyn is having a difficult time managing some of the posts and trying to control the negative comments. Cash online is another hot issue on the Facebook page.

Changed setting to closed. Will drive fundraising calendar to website for February.

Focus needs to remain positive in nature.

Social Committee

Social Club next meeting – December 4th, 7 pm – Temple's house

Christmas Social for Teachers in staff room – Tuesday December 19th

Motion made by Kathryn to provide funds up to \$50 for hot beverages, Seconded by Cathy. All in favour. Motion passed.

DPC members will bring in baked goods for treats to supplement hot drinks. Kathryn will send out an email looking for volunteers.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm – Christmas Social at Temple's house. Potluck – desserts/appetizers (no nuts)