

Dufferin Parent Council - Wednesday January 10th, 6:30 pm

Present: Gord McCreary (chair), Monika Van't Spyker, Sandra Bonbled, Jennifer O'Brien, Jocelyn Jay, Kelly Klema, Temple Swift, Andrea Harvey, Becky Holmes, Rachel Zabel, Trisha Simon, Kathryn Romphf, Christina Gilman, Daniel Pickersgill, Cathy Costa-Morris, Chasity Schweitzer, Jolene Marcotte, Isabel

Regrets: Sean Gibbon

Last month's minutes

Acceptance of minutes

Minutes passed by all

Student Council – Isabel

This fall, student council has...

- Sold reusable bottles
- Halloween activities
- Pumpkin carving contest was fun

No Movember, supporting a cause later in the year. Probably selling cookies to raise funds

Lots of school spirit days every Friday in December rather than all on the last week and advent calendar activity which was well received

Candy Grams were a success

Donated over 1000 items to the food bank for Fill A Bus, M. Segura's class was first, Mme Grail's class was second and Mme Gibbon's was third for most donations

Principal's Report

Pink Shirt Day – February 28th

Money to order pink shirts is due to the office by February 19th. Sale of pink shirts benefits Boys & Girls Club.

Lottery Calendars are for sale currently. Advertised on DPC Facebook page and school website. Notes going home soon.

Yoga nights - Jan 25th – Healthy Eating and Making Snacks, February 1st – Managing Stress, February 8th – Finding Happiness with Mindfulness

Tuesday June 26th – Graduation

Request for help to run breakfast on EQAO testing days

Request for scribes to help with EQAO testing

EQAO dates - May 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31

Financial Report

Pizza - \$2900

Lotto - \$662.40

Yuk Yuk's account - \$39.64

\$13, 975 in general account

Teacher's Report

Mme Grail – Scientist in the Classroom with her \$6.00 from DPC. Thanks DPC for the money to do this

Mme Peters – Thanks for the volunteers that help in the school

Mme Gorecki – Ukulele on Day 1 & 3 and after school on Wednesdays

Mr Kranenburg – Basketball has started

Pizza Day

Jocelyn would like concerns to emailed her directly. Facebook concerns are not beneficial to the school.

Encourage your child to be an advocate when something isn't right with his or her pizza order

There is always food in the snack bins so no child will ever go without food if they missed pizza

CPIP Grant

Have not heard back from consultant yet but need to submit CPIP grant by January 12th, 2018

Must apply by January 12th, 2018 for CPIP grant

Some questions that have arisen from this are:

- How much is in our accounts and how much will remain?
- How much has been already committed?
- What happens in a year from now the school closes?
- Why is DPC need to pay for it?

Board is not willing to make improvements due to budget constraints. Board Capital funds does big projects. Schools are expected to use Pride of Place or CPIP to do school improvements

Wood chips are not a good solution; Mud is an ongoing concern; Drainage is the biggest concern with the current yard

No time limit on the funds received from CPIP

If DPC puts \$10, 000 forward, then board will match funds up to \$10,000 giving the school \$20, 000

Gord proposed taking the funds and saving them until we receive the report from the consultant.

Motion made by Jocelyn Jay to put \$10,000 towards CPIP grant for the improvement to the school yard, Seconded by Monika Van't Spyker. In favour – 10. Motion passed.

Fundraising

Calendars are for sale. Anybody who buys in January can get an early bird draw of 4 tickets to Kevin Pollock at the Sanderson Centre

Cinnabon went really smoothly. No problems

Motion made by Temple Swift to pay for the gas at a rate of \$0.54/km (GEDSB standard rate) for volunteer drivers. Seconded by Chasity Schweitzer. All in favour. Motion passed.

Looking into tickets for Brantford Blast game like last year. Temple will also look into her contacts to see if she can secure something.

Mme Bonbled will send out calendar sales through school messenger.

DPC Questions from Parents

1. Meetings are intimidating to new paren
 - DPC needs to accept change
 - Make it more social, have people mingle before the meeting starts
 - Promoting through Facebook
2. Chairs should only be allowed to serve a set term. Need to campaign for the position. Should be a closed ballot
 - A chair's job is to make sure people are being heard and to set an agenda for the meeting
 - Volunteer position
 - Board guidelines only give suggestions
 - Perhaps policy and procedures to outline what jobs are available and what the duties of the jobs are
 - Better if it was in writing, description of roles
 - Idea - Make the September meeting more social
 - Idea - Have a board at Meet the Teacher to encourage membership
 - June is a better time to have elections for leadership roles (chair, vice chair and committee chair – voting member)
3. More transparency in the fundraising dollars – happening this year but not as evident in past years
4. Aim to create more community involvement/communication
5. A regular DPC meeting should be in December and June
6. Is there a bike being donated from pizza day?
 - Yes, from Gino's Pizza
 - Tickets will be sold at year end social (raffle)
7. Classroom incentives for fundraising
 - Incentives should be the new equipment/technology
 - No plans to have other incentives at this time
8. Streamlining fundraising – only having 3-4 initiatives
9. Mentioning the DPC in the students' agendas

Neighbourhood Information from Chasity

TB Costian – Free Karate (already full)

TB Costain cooking classes – Monday and Wednesday nights

Check out your local community centres for great activities

Social Committee

Survey going out for the school year end event regarding food, location, etc.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 pm – Library