

Dufferin Parent Council - Wednesday April 11th, 6:30 pm

Present: Gord McCreary (chair), Jennifer O'Brien, Rachel Zabel, Trisha Simon, Kathryn Romphf, Daniel Pickersgill, Thomas Straford, Sean Gibbon, Monika Van't Spyker, Cathy Costa-Morris, Chasity Schweitzer, Andrea Harvey, Temple Swift

Regrets: Jocelyn Jay, Becky Holmes, Sandy Bonbled

Last month's minutes

Minutes passed by all via email

Student Report – Briar Simon

SPCA kick off assembly was held in March

Community advocate from the SPCA came to speak at an assembly

Various initiatives for the SPCA throughout March – pet items donations, colouring, daily announcements, cupcake day

Over 200 colouring pages were submitted for the colouring contest

Over \$1000 raised for the SPCA

Power point prepared by students and presented to classes to inform them about the SPCA

Small member of student council dropped off a cheque and were given a tour of facilities at the SPCA

Knitted/crocheted blankets are still being collected until end of June – can be handed in to Mme McGrail

Eco conference next year for elementary students (this year was for secondary students)

Refillable water bottles will be on sale soon

Upcoming spirit days to be discussed – nothing has been decided yet

Principal's Report

Dufferin was the successful recipient of \$10 000 grant to match DPC's \$10 000 for a total of \$20 000 for the yards

M. Segura is leaving on Friday, April 13th, LTO until the end of the year

Ed Week May 7-11, Mental Health the theme – more to be discussed Friday with staff at the PA Day

EQAQO help still required for both the breakfast and for scribe. Please contact Mme Bonbled to volunteer

Financial Report

Pizza - \$ 4 702.34

Cinnabon account - \$5 855.87

Lotto - \$ 2 545.68

Yuk Yuk's account - \$39.64

\$ 15 797.61 in general account

\$ 21 415.18 all totaled

Teacher's Report

Mme Simmonds – May 11th – Jump Rope for Heart, Kick off assembly is tomorrow (April 12th)

Mme Gorecki – Rotary Classic April 22nd, Picture of group at 9:45, More team members need to register

Jr/Int Ukulele is continuing to practice. Tuesday May 1st, 11:30 am is the Brantford Music Festival performance. Also preparing Hawaiian music for year end event

May 10th – Track and Field meet, Badminton in full swing, Wrestling on Tuesdays and Fridays after school. Wrestling meet is May 9th.

Communication

Jocelyn is moving to Ottawa next year

Her work has been phenomenal and her dedication to the school will be greatly missed

Takes care of Facebook and E-Blast so we will need a replacement

Rachel has volunteered to take over those duties in September

Social Committee

June 7th Year End, need volunteers, have out of school performers, making decorations, all the food is booked, meeting once a month with social committee to coordinate everything

Monika really would like to parents to volunteer to help out. Message to be posted on Facebook.

Food is inside the gym this year – pulled pork from Strodes and pizza (Hawaiian and regular varieties), people will order ahead of time

Order forms will go home early May and due back mid May

Asking for \$1 000 upfront, **Motion made by Cathy to give the social committee \$1 000 upfront to help with costs (to be reimbursed as money is raised from tickets, etc.), Seconded by Thomas. All in favour. Motion passed**

Sean suggested having time slots for food to help with crowd control. Will moved forward with that idea

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Chasity is organizing it

Burrito Brothers – taco bar, \$7/person, about 35 people

May 11th – 10 am

Volunteers arranged for treats throughout the week

DPC Storage Area

Many items were discarded as they were expired

Dare t-shirts and pink shirt day (with dates) need to be used or discarded

Dufferin swag should be sold. Suggestion to donate some to welcome to kindergarten kits

Thanks to Rachel for organizing the storage closet

M Segura is leaving DPC will present him with a \$25 gift card to Starbucks and a DPC mug

Parents Reaching Out Grant

Kathryn will lead the application package

Applying for Jump2Math to bring a math night to the school next year

Voting for Committees moving forward

Babysitting will move forward will be done by student who is training (Briar Simon for 2018/2019)

Should bring back policy committee – Trisha will volunteer to chair that committee moving forward

Bylaws and constitution should be made available to all in PDF form

Revamp was done to bring it up to board standards by Jill Berridge a few years ago

In May, we will establish which committees we will have (existing committees and potential new committees)

Trisha will come to the May meeting with a list of committees June

In June, we will select committee chairs as well as chair and vice chair

Establish a process for having voting members elected and dealing with members who aren't able to continue with the DPC – will be the job of the policy committee chair moving forward

Voting members will be selected in September

Presentation by Thomas Stratford

Igloo Communities

Can put Wiki for policies and procedures

Thomas will customize this for us before leaving

File sharing site, discussion section, events can be added to the calendar

Can set the permissions for administrators

We would also be able to message one another

Thomas will be able to add people

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm – Library