

Parent Council Meeting

September 20, 2016

Through a vote, it was decided that the Chair for Parent Council 2016/2017 would be Jessica Battersby and the Secretary would be Aimee Feist

1. Meet the Teacher Night, Monday September 26
 - Organized by Grade 7&8 Parents as well as other parents in the school community
 - Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the Grade 7&8 year end trip for those students who participate
 - Mrs. Murray: Trip dates will be June 14, 15, 16 2017, In Ottawa
 - There are several activities to choose from, looking for Parent feedback about the activities (balance or art, culture, sports, etc.) and amount of money willing to be spent on the trip
 - Students will be staying at the University of Ottawa
2. Fundraisers
 - **Mabel's Labels**: Online fundraiser that runs for 3 months, we can extend it further
 - We would like to include the flyer in the JK registrations packages in January
 - We will receive 20% of the sales
 - Website is www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com Select Paris Central
 - Re-Advertise at Christmas time as gifts
 - **Farm Fresh**: Local farmers providing sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots and onions and apples
 - We receive 40% of the proceeds
 - Orders need to be in by October 17
 - Delivery in November
 - Parents will be required to help sort orders
 - **Spirit Wear**: T-shirts, long sleeve T-shirts and hoodies available for sale
 - Try on Table and order forms available at Meet the Teacher
 - Would like to encourage T-shirt purchase for field trips
 - Kids: T-shirts \$13, Long sleeve T-shirts \$20, Hoodies \$30
 - Adults: T-shirts \$15, Long Sleeve T-shirts, \$20, Hoodies \$30
 - **New Fundraising Ideas to Consider**: Christmas wreath silent auction with local artisans, Bike helmets in the Spring, Pumpkin sales in October
3. From Mrs. Nicholas
 - Parent volunteers will be needed to count money from fundraisers
 - Parent volunteers will be needed to photocopy forms and stuff envelopes for fundraisers
4. From Mrs. DeMarco
 - We will do the Poinsettia Fundraiser again around Christmas, we made approximately \$500 last year
 - Aimee Feist will help organize and distribute poinsettias after school between 3:30 and 5:30 pm

5. YMCA leadership and team building camp is October 4 for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8
6. Mrs. Murray is organizing Playground Pals and REM
7. Intermurals will be starting soon with Mrs. Sloss and Mme. Nasar (Soccer, Cross Country and Kilometer Club)
8. Terry Fox Run will be on September 29. We will be doing "Toonies for Terry", students are to wear red and white and they will receive the "I am running for..." labels to wear
9. Mrs. Stewart is organizing Safety Patroller training, safety patrol will begin in October
10. Healthy Snack will begin October 3, money comes from Brant Food for Thought
11. Strong Start will begin after Thanksgiving, there will be training dates for the volunteers
12. Trip Money: This year trip money has been allocated by student; it is \$10/student to cover the cost of any trips. It is up to the teachers to decide what trips they will use the money for
13. There has been discussion about a Tupperware fundraiser to support the Ecoclub's initiative of litter less lunches
14. Photo day is Monday October 3
15. There is a province wide curricular focus on Math as a reflection of lower EQAO math scores. Teacher PD will focus on this. Parents are interested in math clubs, math buddies or math nights
16. New Fundraising Ideas Include:
 - Wreath silent auction at the Christmas Concert, each class will design and make a wreath for auction. We would like to bring in local artisans to help with this project
 - Spring Bike Helmet Fundraiser
 - October pumpkin sale
 - A fundraiser related to Canada's 150th Anniversary
 - Ms. Lytle will present the list at the next staff meeting for teacher feedback
17. From Lisa: Looking to improve our front yard and green space, looking into an evergreen grant, garden club that will be responsible for gardens. TD friends of the environment grant?
18. ARC Update: French Immersion will begin at Paris Central in September 2017, starting with grade 6; Grade 7 in 2018 and grade 8 in 2019 Final vote from the trustees will be on October 24
19. Pizza lunch will begin October 14, looking into other options such as Subway, Pita Pit and a milk program
20. Next Parent Council Meeting is October 18, 6:30pm