

Parent Council – Wednesday Oct 26, 2016

Attendance: Diane Baggs, Lisa Campbell, Carolyn Hall, Bridgette Soenen, Rod Bowers, Cheryl Coates, Ann Parkhill, Krista Green, Wendy Green

Regrets:

Principle Update:

Book Fair (Nov 15, 16, 17 & 18) Mr. Best needs parents volunteers to supervise table (call school & speak to secretary or Mr. Best)

(Thursday after school & Friday morning & possibly recesses)

Spirit Wear: discussion which parents preferred. Rod will approach students and make selection on their feedback. Estimated cost \$14.00/t-shirt. Additional items sweat pants, long sleeve, hoodies

Parents recommended navy blue shirt colour this time

Deliver before Christmas if goal

From www.schooltee.com

Bobcat Attributes:

Teachers have developed definition of being a Bobcat – Attributes students strive for

A Bobcat Never Gives Up

A Bobcat is Responsible

A Bobcat is Kind

A Bobcat is Respectful

A Bobcat is a Leader

A Bobcat is a role model

- Difficult for younger children to comprehend what it means to be a leader/role model
- Leader & Role Model – more appropriate for older kids, longer term to develop
- Discussion recommended keeping 4 attributes: Never Give Up, Responsible, Kind & Respectful

Street Signage:

No stopping within car length of cross walk

French Immersion: Grade 6-8 will be switched to Paris Central

Session for these parents will be set-up soon will school board representatives

Pink Shirts: Approx. \$8.00/shirt

Art Club will design this years Pink Shirt, will not put year on shirt

Discussed upping cost of shirt for \$10.00 and use additional money as a fundraiser

Snack Program: doing great job, excellent snacks

School Ground Greening:

Grass growing well, Shed has been purchased from Grand River Sheds (gave discount) Thanks to Krista for leg work researching options/cost

Still waiting for trees to be planted

Committee looking at future projects – have to work around water testing areas & septic system

Pea Gravel needs to be removed in future and replaced with wood chips, long jump pit will be improved

Buddy Benches

Request for trees around soccer field

Cheryl – Tree Grants in 2017

Graduation: suggestions that grade 7 students & parents host this year – June 26th tentative

Funds from Parent Council previous was \$500

Optimist give funds to both schools

Suggested in future budget should be based on number of graduating students (i.e. flat \$500 vs. \$10/student) – consensus that will keep with \$500/year for graduation party

Pink Shirts:

Fundraising Update:

Fundraising Ideas: Parents Reaching Out Grant, Pointsettia (Lisa, Carolyn – Cheryl organize evening pick-up), Funscrip (need revised order form), Big Box of Cards (consider for Spring Fundraiser or grade 8's)

Dance- A- thon, Elmira Meats, Walk-a-thon, Fun Fair

Teacher requests: Docu- cameras, grade 8 graduation, year-end busing trip costs, Trip Fees, Speakers, Next Phase Greening Projects, computers, technology. Mats for gym, stage enhancement, new screen for stage, speaker system in stage

Correspondence/Communications:

Book Received to share with Teachers & Parent Council

“Beyond the Bake Sale”

Elementary School Teachers Association – sent pamphlet “Six Building Blocks for Better Schools”

www.buildingbetterschools.ca –

Christmas Concert - ??

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov 30, 2016 @ 6:30pm