

Dufferin Parent Council - Wednesday November 13th, 2019 at 6:30pm

Present: Gord McCreary (Chair), Sandra Bonbled, Erica Lapage, Michelle Yull, Daniel Pickersgill, Becky Holmes, Cathy Costa-Morris, Lauren McDonald, Farzana Kausar, Catherine Hebert, Sarah Rudge, Ilias Zylstra, Kathryn Romphf, Trisha Simon, Sandra Kikulwe,

Regrets: Mike Long, Jen O'Brien, Ashley Swain, Daniel Kiwulwe, Shylo Lynn Lyle

Last Meeting: Minutes approved from last month – posted on Facebook but not yet on the website

Team Jerseys – Mr. Zylstra

"You look good, you feel good, you feel good, you play good."

- Showed us the three past jerseys (sleeveless, reversible, 40 of them that increase in size from number 1 to 40 or youth extra small to men's large)
- Mr. Z designed a soccer-style v-neck jersey with the intention of having Litzen's (near Waterdown) manufacture
- Waiting for the Litzen's distributor (on vacation) for our area to inquire about cost
- Looking at purchasing around 40 jersey's
- *Idea:* have the current jersey's for junior and have new ones for intermediate
- Mr. Z's Gym Wishlist: volleyball net, hockey nets (Dragon's Den), pinnies, badminton racquets

Teacher's Report – Mme. Rudge

- Progress Reports went home today with interviews tomorrow evening and Friday morning
- Remembrance Day assembly was lovely!
- Book Fair opened today – classes viewed today and can purchase tomorrow and during interview times
- Mme. Coretti
 - junior ukulele club did a great job in St. George and at the Halloween assembly
 - primary ukulele club has a record attendance with more than 40 students
 - they've been working on preparing a video recording submission for the CBC music class challenge next week
- Mme. O'Brien
 - Learning Commons and Technology is going well
 - Looking to purchase more technology that would benefit the whole school:
 - Makedo (open ended building task) - \$319.95
 - Robotic Car with tracking module - \$69.99
 - MicroBit (5) - \$41.99 each
 - Rig A Ma Jig Junior - \$539.95

- Motion made from Cathy for DPC to match the school contribution of \$650 each to purchase the proposed
- Catherine seconded the motion → **MOTION APPROVED**
- Mme. Rudge
 - After suffering a concussion earlier this school year, Mme. Rudge is looking at purchasing blue lighting filters for her class at \$46.00 for four
 - Sandy will look into Health and Safety to ensure the lights are board approved before moving forward
- Mme. Bailey
 - Requesting English and French/English dictionary (hardcover)
 - Message to be sent out to school families before we move forward with purchasing

Principal's Report:

- Teachers are in a legal strike position as of November 25th and will notify by November 20th as to what the union has stated; likely will start with work-to-rule
 - Update: Phase 1 of work-to-rule will commence November 26th
- St. Donat Trip
 - Organizers want parents to purchase strike insurance (\$100 per student) however work-to-rule does not count as a strike in their contract therefore the insurance would not cover cancellation
 - With the first installment for the trip being due December 1st, a cancellation would ultimately mean a loss of \$337.50 per student
 - Sandy is not allowing this to happen as it's a giant loss (over \$20 000) for our families
 - If they cannot accommodate a 'no loss' for school then we will forego the trip and do something at the end of the year
- New paintings on the tarvia
 - everyone is very pleased
 - Kelso's choices will be put on by the Grade 8 students in the spring
- New soccer posts installed outside
- Bathroom stall door beautification – the doors require painting before words of affirmation can be put on and Pride of Place would be involved in that project – waiting on Grand Erie facility services
- The ice is already a growing concern – increased awareness with safety and monitoring by staff
- Grade 6 Math EQAO Scores were lower last year, Lauren requested more information about the path moving forward:
 - More math talks, manipulatives (concept to conceptual), reasoning and shared problem-solving are the big focus moving forward
 - Manipulatives seem to be the greatest hinderance in mathematical understanding and reasoning on the test

- Focus on diagnostic assessment to ensure instruction is meeting the needs of the students

Financial Report:

- Current balance: \$8068.55
 - DOES NOT INCLUDE:
 - Yoga - \$3875.00
 - Paul Davis - \$975.00 PLUS HST

Community Partnership Incentive Program Grant Application Volunteer

- Deadline to submit the application is November 15th
- This is the \$10,000 match-up program for the kindergarten pen
- Mme. Rudge and Mme. Bonbled to complete

Sub-Committee Updates

Fundraising

- Cinnabon orders due November 22nd – December pick-up
- Cathy will be looking for volunteers to drive to Limeridge Mall

Policies & Procedures

- No update

Pizza

- No update

Communications

- Take a pause on moving forward with OneNote as consensus states that email is working well for communication

Social

- End of the Year/Fun Fair celebration
 - General idea is to have games, music and food however we require organizers
 - Volunteers are the major concern – hiring out for food and games might be avenue to take
 - Will reassess next meeting

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 11th at 6:30pm

Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner and/or Snacks