**Dufferin Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday April 12, 2023**

***This meeting was conducted virtually via Teams***

**Present**: Lauren McDonald, Erica LaPage, Natalie Walker, Catherine Hebert, Carling, Mike Long, Andrea Smith, Alanna Haughton

**Regrets:** Gord McCreary, David Pickersgill, Rachel Kruger

Reading of the land acknowledgement.

**Acknowledgement of November minutes**

March meeting minutes were acknowledged via email and a motion to pass was put forward. Natalie Walker seconded with 7 voting members in favour via email.

**Principal’s Report**

* 53 days left of the school year and lots to do before June
* EQAO gr. 3 & 6 last 2 weeks of May and entirely online again this year
  + Is a little shorter now being online, watch for info coming home
  + There will be snacks in the morning for those students
* kindergarten orientation will be an afterschool event held in the gym, date TBD
  + DPC to have a booth like last year
* This year the board provided drawstring bags with a book in it for each kindergarten child, does DPC want to do t-shirts for each new kindergarten like last year?
* Jump rope for heart May 4th with kickoff assembly this week, info coming home soon
  + Donations will be online this year
* Two campaigns running right now:
  + Produce express: Families can order groceries and a percentage goes to our snack program
  + Battery recycling: School with most weight in recycled batteries can win $5000, send in batteries in a plastic bag
* Book fair May 8-12 second of the year
* School musical following week (May 15-19) in the gym, there are two casts so see info coming home for dates, times, and ticket details
* CPIP grant:
  + Kindergarten shed came in at $7000 so our contribution would only be $3500, since it was under the $10,000 mark they will approve both projects
* New jerseys from M. Zylstra, he is asking for 3 sets of 20 jerseys
  + A junior set, an intermediate girl set, and an intermediate boy set
  + Cost of jerseys: Adult (intermediate) $56.37 Youth (junior) $53.85
  + This comes to: $1,228.40 (junior), $1,273.96 (intermediate) = $3776.32 total for all three sets
* In the bank account $16,281.41, plus $56 from spirit wear, a lot of pizza and hot lunch orders are in there for orders up to the end of May, but invoices have not come off (ex: last pizza day invoice was approx. $300)
* Kindergarten classes are selling popcorn and likely will sell Freezies to help raise money for their shed, they have already raised $2000
* Freezies are very popular and profit margins are good so they will likely make a few hundred dollars
* Totaling money being asked: $1,500 kindergarten shed (our contribution of $3,500-$2000 already raised from popcorn sales), $7,000 gym stereo, $3,800 jerseys = $12,300
* Some monies can come from board accounts for supplies and parent engagement which can go towards the shirts for Kindergarten (approx.. $700)
* Question posed: Can we review the 2nd quote to see if we can get the stereo a little lower? Yes, we can reach out to Long and McQuade again for an updated quote.
* $500 needed for Teacher lunch also (reminder from Lauren McDonald)
* Motion from Carling to contribute $1,500 for the kindergarten shed, seconded by Erica LePage, electronic vote to happen as we don’t have enough voting members at this meeting.
* Motion from Lauren to spend up to 3,800 for new jerseys for the school, Erica LePage seconded the motion, electronic vote to happen
* Andrea will reach out to Long and McQuade to see if there is a more budget friendly quote on the stereo for the gym
* Motion put forward from Carling for tshirts for new kindergarteners as well as coffee and timbits for the booth at orientation, discussion on how often do the students wear the gifted shirts/are they really needed
* Motion on hold for the tshirts
* Motion amended from Carling to provide snacks and refreshments for the kindergarten orientation night budget up to $100, seconded by Natalie Walker, electronic vote to happen

**Teacher’s Report**

* Ukulele practices going strong at breaks and after school on Wednesdays
* Chess club going well and preparing for the tournament coming up April 20th, Dufferin will be hosting again this year and there are even more teams registered than last year
* Badminton practices continue before school and during breaks
* Junior division Spring yard cleanup coming soon, info will be sent home, asking for donations of paper yard waste bags

**Fundraising Committee**

* Spirit wear made some money but many parents said on FB page that they were unaware of when it was running or the order dates so for next time we need more promotion on social media
* Big Box fundraiser sold over 100 units and we get $11 per, very successful fundraiser

**Pizza Committee**

* Going well, still getting a few students who say their parents ordered pizza but they are not on the list so extra is always ordered. Some weeks there are quite a few.

**Communications Committee**

* No new updates to report.

**Social Committee**

* Positive impact/feedback from last year’s event, should we follow the same route? (bouncy games, food trucks, etc.)
* Approx. $1,500 for rentals last year
* Possible BBQ instead with families prepaying and still have an ice cream truck coming
* Looking for helpers on this committee to support planning and organizing

**Teacher Recognition Committee**

* Everyone enjoyed the food last year, so order from same place?
* Confirmed budget of $500

**Open Floor**

* No questions or concerns

**Next meeting discussion**

Next meeting: Wednesday May 10, 2023