

MINUTES

Fred C Cook Parent Council Meeting

Monday March 6, 2023 @ 6:00pm

In Attendance

Kelly Gorecki - Chair, Rosi Martin – Chair, Michelle Atkinson – Secretary, Nicole Fernandes, Tina Craig, Audrey Cos, Amy Vryonides, Sarah Balsas, Shaina Pirri, Janya Strever, Katie Tompkins, Nina Siddall.
Staff: Greg Blakeley – Interim Principal, Anne Wright – Vice Principal, Lynne Brown, Sandra Smith.

- Land Acknowledgement

Principal's Report

Principal Blakely presented the report.

New Business

- This meeting is mostly for planning purposes, therefore there is not a full Principal's Report.
- Fewer Incidences of unwanted Student Behaviour, more respectful interactions in the hallways etc. being achieved by setting expectations and following through on consequences.
- Eco Squad - plans to clean up and plant trees and wildflowers on school property.
- Spirit Team – Ran the station for all of the students to make a pink button on Pink shirt day.
- It was nice to welcome the parents to attend the Assemblies again.
- Encouraging random acts of kindness within the school community.

Discussion

Fundraising

Box of Cards – the Assorted variety box is confirmed as the Spring fundraiser. Kelly has received the handouts and got the confirmed delivery date of Monday April 3. All boxes will be labelled with the student/family name so when they start to return to the school, we will know who is returning and purchasing. The next Parent Council meeting is April 3rd, we can all assist labelling the boxes so they are ready to go home Tuesday April 4th, minimizing the time they have to be stored at the school.

Movie Night – Has been swapped out for a Math Night at the School on May 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm. Math Night is paid for with the Parent Reaching out Grant. Grade 7 and 8 student volunteers will be taught how to run the game stations by the event company who will be bringing mats/stations that will be set up in the Gym. Families will be welcome to come for a fun and educational outing at the school. Fundraiser Family Pizza Dinner – Medium Pizza and 4 bottles of water to be offered for presale and to be served from 5:00 pm.

Hot Lunches

Recent addition of Zucca's hot lunch added for Thursdays. Have had mostly good feedback from the students, families so far.

Grade 8 Graduation

Bond Head has been confirmed for the Grade 8 graduation on Monday June 26. Grads to arrive at 5:15pm, Dinner will be at 5:30pm, Graduation Ceremony to commence 7:00pm, Reception from 8:00-9:00pm. The Dinner has been earmarked at 63 people – 52 grads + staff, numbers can still be adjusted.

Bottle Drive: Raised \$1000 – Plan to have another Bottle Drive after Easter.

Costing: Room rental is \$1000, Dinner is \$30 per person + 18% gratuity + HST, Tea and Coffee station is \$260 + 18% gratuity + HST, Punch Table is \$260 + 18% gratuity + HST. If we pay for the graduation from the school account we will be refunded the HST.

Rides to The Club at Bond Head: Google form to ask if anyone needs a ride or can offer to give a ride.

Grade 8 Grad Trip

Grade 8 Team still needs to submit the paperwork to register for the trip. A formal information package is to be presented to the Principal for approval before the trip can be confirmed. Medeba Camp, West Guilford has been selected for the trip, as they offer fantastic sports/adventure programming. Aiming for the 17-19 May. Estimated cost is \$220-250 per person including busses to and from camp.

Carnival

We would really like to do a Carnival again this year, June 8 has been selected as the date for the event, Principal Blakeley to request a permit. Last year the money made from the vendors went towards covering the cost of the inflatables. This year it has been suggested to consider more inflatables, stands as the line ups last year were quite long. However the school population is much smaller this year so perhaps the additions will not be necessary. Vendors being considered – Little Caesars Pizza, Holland Marsh Farmers, Abrisham Hallal, Zucca's Food truck, Ice cream. Discussion as to whether to have all food sales presales as was done last year.

To be revisited at the next meeting

Next Meeting

Next Parent Council Meeting – Monday April 3, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – Library