

MINUTES

Fred C Cook Parent Council Meeting

Monday October 3, 2022 @ 6:00pm

In Attendance

Election

Rosi Martin nominated Kelly Gorecki to be elected as the new Council Chair. The majority present voted in favour of the motion and Rosi agreed to Co-Chair for this, her last year serving on Parent Council. Michelle Atkinson was confirmed as the new Secretary.

Principal's Report

Principal Perry presented the report.

New Business

- Over 200 students were moved to the new school - Harvest Hills. With the significant change to our student numbers, the federal funding received will also be amended with the relative portion going to the new school.
- The Budget for the current school year was distributed by Principal Perry and reviewed by all present Council members.
- Eat Well to Excel funds will now go towards the snack bins in the classrooms as we are unfortunately not able to restart the Breakfast Club at this time due to Safe food Handling restrictions.
- Discussion of what can be purchased with what funds depending on which category the funds are allocated to. There is more flexibility with funds that have been realized through fundraising efforts.
- Busses and Bus Drivers are in very short supply and are impacting the ability to transport students to field trips, sporting and other events.
- Grade 8 Graduation options – A graduation ceremony on the school property, or at The Club at Bondhead as has been done in the past years. The price differential between the two options is approximately \$4,000.00 There is a remaining balance in the Grade 8 Commencement fund of \$577.16
- Survey to be sent out and completed by Grade 8 students and/or parents regarding preference of location. There are 44 Grade 8 students this year.
- Recap of Meet the Staff Night (Wednesday September 28 5:00-7:00p.m) There was lots of positive feedback from the parents who enjoyed being able to come into the school again and meet with their children's teacher etc.
- A lot of interest is being expressed by our school community in events like the Meet the Staff Night, and last year's very successful Carnival.

Discussion

Grade 8 Graduation

- The last day of school this year is Thursday June 29. The Club at Bondhead is holding the date of Monday June 26 for the FCC Graduation.

-This graduating class are the first to have completed all of their school years in the new building.

-This graduating class experienced the tragic loss of one of their classmates – Joslyn Long in their SK year. Incorporating a tribute in her memory and/or the presence of the Buddy Bench has been recommended.

Holiday Event

There will not likely be a holiday concert this year however Council would like to host a Movie Night in lieu of a concert with Holiday pictures and the Gift Basket Silent Auction as in years past.

Mr. Perry to enquire about a permit for the event – likely the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the week of December 5.

Planning of this event to be revisited at the next meeting.

Fundraising Ideas

Box of Cards – the Assorted variety box has been approved as a fundraiser by the majority of members present and slated for the Spring.

FlipGive – we will pass on this fundraising platform this year as it did not catch on last year.

Harvest Boxes – local produce boxes can be ordered online, and the school receives a 10% kickback for all boxes sold. The possibility to set up a weekly delivery day for pick up of the boxes from the school has been suggested.

Family Night at Domino's Pizza – pizza meal deal offered monthly on a midweek night with a kickback to the school. Has been approved by the majority of members present. *Amy to look into what is needed to set this up*

Poinsettias – from Bradford Greenhouses has been suggested. *kickback amount to be looked into and reported to the Co-Chairs*

Cookie Dough – MacMillan's fundraiser as done in years past has been suggested.

-A vote via Google Forms to be sent by email to Council members prior to the next meeting regarding preference to do the Poinsettia or Cookie Dough fundraiser this Fall/Winter, with pick up slated for the Holiday event.

Hot Lunches

Little Caesars – They were very accommodating and good to work with through out the past years, by having individually wrapped slices for each order/student. It was agreed that we will continue using Little Caesars through to the Holiday Break as it can be done with minimal parental volunteers.

Other Hot Lunch Options – We would like to try other options however we need to look into whether the same restrictions of every order/student's meal individually wrapped still applies, as well as organizing parental volunteers to run/manage Hot Lunch days. Other options suggested were Mr. Sub, Tim Hortons, Booster Juice, etc. *to be revisited*

Next Meeting

Monday November 7, 2022 @ 6:00 pm – Library