Athlone School Parent Council Meeting

February 6th, 2024 6:00 p.m. (In-person) **Minutes**

Introductions/In Attendance:

Ryan Miller Principal Melissa Maruca President - Crystal Krzemiem Vice President - Katie McGregor Treasurer Janna Thomson Secretary - Shelley Cook Attendee - Amanda Jordan Attendee Ashlyn Bohonos Attendee

- 1) Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting (January 9th, 2024):
 - a. No errors or omissions
 - motion to accept the minutes as presented Katie
 - second Mel
 - Motion carried
- 2) Treasurer's Financial Report for January (Katie)
 - No errors or omissions
 - -CRA forms have been submitted for the year
 - -Healthy Hunger profit is \$269 from two fun lunches.
 - -there is approximately \$8,450 in bank account.
 - motion to accept the report as presented Shelley
 - second Janna
 - Motion carried.
- 3) Principal's Report (Mr. Miller)
 - Athlone is now being considered for Child Nutrition Council we have requested \$3,500 which will cover Athlone's current expenses per year (\$250-350 per month on average) to feed children at the school who may not have proper lunches
 - Kindergarten Info Night will be held February 7th, at 7pm; expecting 40-45 new kids (new normal is 254, where it was 218 four years ago). Registration is on the following Friday
 - Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14th
 - Division is now doing something new, our school feeds students into Golden Gate and Bruce (middle schools). The change is if you live in the catchment, if a child wants to go to Bruce, they will now have the option to go to either school.
 - I Love to Read and Black History Month was kicked off on the 1st.
 - Staffing because of numbers, staffed at 220, now have a half time teacher (supply teacher) to help house the classrooms. If at 240, we may be able to fill another classroom, and we'll know after March 20th.
 - Glenlea Fundraiser has now commenced online and will close April 15th.

4) On-going Business

- a. Outdoor classroom upgrades (shade structure) tabled until \$10,000 has been raised for project
- b. Fundraiser Kernels Popcorn order forms sent February 6th, and orders are due February 21st.
- c. Fun Lunch Papa John's
 KFC with EBO Japan Orders Due Feb 22nd, will be held February 28th
 -April's Fun Lunch (to be emailed April 1st, return by April 14th, and be held on April 18th).
- d. Spring Dance March 22^{nd} March 1^{st} to March 20^{th} will be the fundraiser Dance-a-thon (2-3pm on March 22^{nd}); there will be a prize for most pledges, and then a second prize which will be a raffle: for each \$10 raised, the student will get one ballot towards a prize basket.

Discussion was held that ASPC give free glow-sticks.

Mel/Katie to look into a dee-jay.

e. Movie Night – tentative date May 2nd

5) New Business

- Kinder Snacks Request made to change the kinder snacks being offered as we hold them more often, the kids would like a variety.
 Potential options: School Safe Chocolate Chip Banana bread, cheese and crackers, animal crackers, Rice Krispees, etc.
- End of year BBQ (Tentative date scheduled for June 19th) vs Welcome Back BBQ or both (consistency).

Motion made to hold, on a go-forward basis, both an end of year BBQ and a welcome back event with the AGM to follow to ensure consistency in the future years (suggested time is 5:30pm, as families tend to leave before the AGM commences at 6pm at previous meeting) - Janna Second – Amanda.

Motion Carried

Action: Amanda will look into Sargeant Sundae to be a second food option for June BBQ along with already booked Willy Dogs; Katie to look for other food truck options for September.

Divisional Annual Budget Meeting is being held on Thursday, February 22nd.

6) Other business

- Scholastic Book Fair April 11/12th Janna has contacted Scholastics, and waiting to hear from the new person.
- Teacher Appreciation Week March $18^{th} 22^{nd}$ (Lunch to be held the 19^{th} or 21^{st}). Form to go out to families requesting donations on February 20^{th} , request funds to be in by March 15^{th} .
- 7) Next meeting date: March 5th, 2024 at 6 pm in-person.
- 8) Adjourn Meeting