

Linwood Parent Council
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6.00pm on Teams
Present: Colin Chapnick, Amanda Chapnick, Garrett Young (teacher), Colleen Macdonell
(teacher), Regine Nuytten (principal), Laurel Terichow Parrott, Beckie Holmes
Regrets: Andrea Bjorklund

1. Welcome

- This is our last meeting for 2020/21.
- Thank you so much for volunteering this year.

2. Principal's Report

- Grade 5 patrols and Grade 5 Farewell events need to be safe and doable. This will impact the options available for parent council.
- Alice Li is a new full-time supply teacher at Linwood.
- Welcome to Kindergarten will be held in May. It will be virtual.
- Grade 4 / 5 teachers are planning an Outdoor Challenge
- Music spirit week is going on this week. Fun costumes!
- Divisional guidance counsellor and psychologist are going to teach 4 / 5 students about responsible Social Media use later this month.

3. Garrett Young Greeting

There are 23 students who patrol this year, including 2 patrol students who are remote learners.

Individually wrapped pizzas could work as a celebration for patrols

Indoor gardens in the grade 4 / 5 classrooms update: Mr Blake's garden is full of plants. The other gardens had to be moved out of the classrooms this year to make space for social distancing. The gardens were moved to Room 14 for storage until space is available in the classrooms.

4. Patrol Appreciation

Beckie will look at getting individually packaged pizzas from her contact at Gondola for free. She will know by May 14. If she cannot get them for free, parent council will provide \$65 to Mr Young to cover the cost of one slice per patrol from Pizza Pizza (\$2.25/slice)

Motion: To provide \$65 to the patrol program for patrol appreciation.

Motion made by: Laurel, Seconded by Amanda. Carried.

Beckie will also provide appreciation certificates to the patrols

5. Grade 5 Farewell

The school appreciates our contribution to Grade 5 Farewell activities. Traditionally, the students get pizza and an afternoon at the bowling lanes. The teachers will be coming up with new ideas for this year, and are grateful for the parent council's contribution.

Motion: To provide \$400 for Grade 5 Farewell.

Motion made by: Colin, Seconded by Beckie. Carried.

6. Linwood Clothing

Update on recent sales: 9 items were sold this past month.

Colin looked at inventory from the beginning of the bulk order (2019) and has discovered that 40 items are missing. They should all be in the same box, but might have been taken out for selling at the winter concert. Amanda will ask Kari if she knows anything about this.

Regine will send the letter out to parents again for us with updated merchandise totals. Colin will provide updated data for the new letter.

7. Tree Planting Project

Regine has talked with teachers and there is some interest in planting trees with student involvement. Regine is looking into grants and programs that the school could access to help with this project. There is one program that is hopeful, and they provide trees to plant in the fall. Parent Council will give the school some more time to gather information and interest, and parent council will support the project in terms of cash, research, volunteers and any other way that is identified, and agreed upon.

8. Treasurer's Report

Balance is currently \$7,291.12

Commitments for next year have been adjusted to account for the fact that we could not fundraise this year.

We also believe that without our flagship fundraisers this past year, and perhaps next year, (Craft and Bake Sale and Winter Raffle raised \$3,500-4,000 each year), maintaining our support to the school at \$4,300/year will be impossible.

Therefore, because we are unsure that we can fundraise next year, we are reducing our commitments. This will allow the parent council to keep a balance available for the Teacher Wish List, the tree planting project.

Motion: To provide each of the 14 teachers with \$100 for Classroom Community Cash (14 x \$100 = \$1,400).

Motion made by Colin, Seconded by Beckie. Carried.

Motion: To provide \$400 for Grade 5 Farewell.

Motion made by: Colin, Seconded by Beckie. Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6.50pm

Next meeting will be the AGM in September 2021

COMMITMENTS EXPLAINED

In summary, for future reference:

Pre-Covid commitments were:

- \$2,100 Classroom Community Cash (CCC) This is \$150 per teacher/class, including gym, music, resource teachers
- \$1100 Teacher Wish List (teachers submit requests for parent council to select)
- \$400 Outdoor Challenge supplies (May/June)
- \$400 Grade 5 Farewell (traditionally pizza lunch and bowling) (June)
- \$300 School Spirit Budget (for parent council to spend on supplies throughout the year)

Commitments spent in 2020/21

- \$2,100 Classroom Community Cash (CCC) This is \$150 per teacher/class, including gym, music, resource teachers (November 5, 2020)
- \$400 Outdoor Challenge supplies (April 6, 2021)
- \$400 Grade 5 Farewell (traditionally pizza lunch and bowling, but will be different this year) (May 4, 2021)

Plus two Teacher Wish List items were requested:

- Nutrition Program: \$500 (January 26, 2021) ,
- Indoor gardens \$200 (April 6, 2021)

Commitments for the upcoming school year 2021/22

- \$1,400 Classroom Community Cash (CCC) This is \$100 per teacher/class, including gym, music, resource teachers
- \$400 Grade 5 Farewell

Remaining balance will be kept for 2021/22 Teacher Wish List requests and the tree planting project. A further \$50 per teacher could be provided if fundraising becomes an option and money is available.