

Phoenix School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kindergarten room at Phoenix School

Student Council Members in Attendance:

President- Sarah Oliver

Vice-President- Christine Antonation

Treasurer- Julie Bueckert

Secretary- Kristie Silk

Principal- Mr. Patrick Betz

Guests in Attendance: H. Taillieu and M. Price

1. CALL TO ORDER

-S. Oliver welcomed attendees and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- S.Oliver motioned for November's meeting minutes to be approved.

J. Bueckert seconded the motion, with the addition of the Financials to be posted by Mr. Betz.

3. FINANCIALS

-J. Bueckert presented the up-to-date financial report as follows:

-The Fall "Munch-a-lunch" has ended. The total proceeds from Sept-Dec/23 was \$791.00.

-The bank account balance at the beginning of July/2023 was \$21,605.00 and the end balance as of December 31, 2023 was \$22,006.38.

-There was \$241.00 in accrued interest mostly from the Savings account which contain the funds for the outdoor classroom.

-The Shelmerdine's Fundraiser was a HUGE success! The school fundraised \$784.00. These proceeds will be deposited into the bank account in January.

-The Munch-a-Lunch is open for the Winter/Spring session and commences next week (Jan22-26/24). Friday, January 26, 2024 is the first lunch and all orders should be submitted by Monday, January 22, 2024.

- J. Bueckert motioned for the Financials to be approved and C. Antonation seconded the motion.
- J. Bueckert proposed the idea of other families having the ability to “Sponsor” a lunch for those children who are in need through the “online system”. Mr. Betz is going to ponder the idea and get back to the Committee on this topic.
- C. Antonation proposed another idea of families having the ability to “anonymously” donate money towards a “Community fund” on the “Cash” website that can be allocated to those children in need. Mr. Betz is going to consult the Accountant about this idea.
- Mr. Betz is going to look into how we can accept “cash donations” during a “Fundraising Event”. (I.e. people do not want to purchase the fundraising item, but just want to donate money towards the fundraiser).

4. PRINCIPALS REPORT

- Mr. Betz thanked the Headingly Community Foundation for supporting the school to bring in an Indigenous Elder at the end of January. (tentative date right now). The Elder will share some of their cultural expertise with some of our students or grade groups. The spending will happen at the school level and Mr. Betz will ensure that will happen.
- Mr. Betz received “Treaty Kits” from the Government. They are designed as instructional resources to teach treaty concepts and the treaty language. The kits will be shared with our “Staff” and instructions will be rolled out shortly.
- The school is waiting on Hydro to be installed in the portables. The library has moved from the school and is being set-up in the portables, but is still not complete. In the meantime, the students will be accessing the Headingly Public Library across the field for “Library Services”. The process for how the students will be able to “sign-out” books and when each classroom accesses the Headingly Library the is still being discussed.
- A NEW Student Resources room has moved into the old library space and the Music Room has returned to its original space.
- Mr. Betz thanked Parent Council for the work put into starting up the Munch-a-Lunch Program again this year.
- Mr. Betz shared all of the ideas for the school’s fundraising goals for this year as follows:
 - *MTYP or some theatre shows coming performing at the school.
 - *An allotted amount of money for each student that the teacher puts towards classroom projects or events.
 - * Subsidizing Field Trips and transportation to and from.
 - *Sensory devices for all Students requiring them (ie. finer optic lights, different pieces that support sensory regulation).
 - *Lego, games, embroidery thread for indoor recess.
 - *Grade 4 and 5 students are requesting a Table Top Hockey game.
 - *S.Oliver shared a suggestion from H. Gerrits for a NEW replacement fish tank.

5. FUNDRAISING

- S.Oliver gave an overview of ideas that were presented via email by Parent Council: Popcorn, Purdy's, Morden's Chocolates, Big Box.
- K.Silk will get more information on how "Big Box" runs the cash collection part of the fundraiser.
- C. Antonation will look into the popcorn fundraiser.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 28 at 5:30pm at Phoenix School

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by S.Oliver and seconded by K.Silk.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

8. FOLLOW-UP FOR NEXT MEETING

- Mr. Betz is going to put out a donation request for Embroidery Thread and Lego in the "Notes from the Office".
- Mr. Betz is going to look into how we can accept "cash donations" during a "Fundraising Event". (I.e. people do not want to purchase the fundraising item, but just want to donate money towards the fundraiser).
- Mr. Betz is going to get a quotes for a new fish tank and how much it would cost to have MTYP come to the school and sensory devices. (approx. budget of \$5,000)
- Mr. Betz is going to consult the Accountant about families having the ability to "anonymously" donate money towards a "Community fund" on the "Cash" website that can be allocated to those children in need.
- Mr. Betz is going to look into whether chocolate or popcorn fundraisers are allowed as a fundraiser in the school because of dietary/allergy concerns.
- K.Silk will get more information on how "Big Box" runs the cash collection part of the fundraiser.
- C. Antonation will look into the popcorn fundraiser.