

Strathmillan Parent Council Meeting
October 26, 2021

Present:

L. Bilyk
C. Fitzpatrick
A. Parker
B. Betts
P. Coote
N. Stephansson
C. Rogocki
R. Swanson
K. Kaur

(J. Baker)

Call to Order – 7:03 pm

Treasurer:

Nominee: Alicia Parker
Elected: Alicia Parker

Fundraising:

- Looked at a whole bunch of different options. With COVID didn't want it to be cancelled. Archie's pizza seems to be a big hit, just need a form for each kid with online payment. For handing it out may need volunteers to help. We asked them to hold a date for us, so they are holding Nov. 29 for us. So our orders have to be in by Nov. 19 and then we can pick up pizzas by Nov. 29 and distribute them whatever day that week works best for us.
- Its frozen pizzas from a local company. They have gluten free options.
- We have talked to the gym teacher about raising money to build a new rock wall in the mini gym. Wanted to see if parents were on board for fundraising.
- Question for Mr. Baker: We have been noticing equipment missing outside. Have they been removed because they are damaged or purely because of COVID? No nothing has been removed, so maybe it was damaged. Maybe something happened over like the last year we didn't take anything down but maybe something has happened that I wasn't aware of what was exactly outside. So maybe I need to do some research with the PhysEd teachers and the staff who has been around because I didn't realize things were as sparse outside.

- Was hoping to talk to Irene. We were talking about bringing the money in for the fundraiser. Archie's wants us to have it as a collective total. We were wondering if there is a way to set up an account.
- Are we raising money for this specifically or are all fundraisers from here on going to be for gym purpose? We don't know specifically the answer that because I know in the past money from the parent council account would help pay for field trips and would help pay for the grade 5 farewell. But those are things that aren't happening right now. We thought it would be a great opportunity to jump in on a bigger project since we've never had a time like this before when we're not raising money for field trips and farewells and so it's a good chance to take the opportunity to do something big for the school and the rock wall specifically. As soon as the field trips start coming up we will start budgeting for that as well.
- We have to be specific on our fundraisers. The rock wall is a pricey item with quotes around 15 to 20 thousand dollars. So this wouldn't be just a parent council funded thing my idea bring it forward was as a cost sharing. We can get over the rule about not banking too much if you have a specific purpose.
- Does anyone want us to do the poinsettias? It has been done too many years. Everyone is looking for something different.
- Mr. Baker: If you are looking for sort of widespread sort of feedback I could certainly send it out to everyone through my messaging through my school messenger on behalf of the parent council.
- Talked to a few moms about mom's pantry. The handing out is a bit more complicated. We are possibly looking into this for a spring fundraiser.

Principals Report:

- 1.) The current enrollment stands at 293 students.
- 2.) Classrooms are deep into the learning for the first term. Teachers are starting to gather and organize assessment for the first term report cards.
- 3.) There were no classes on Friday, October 22nd, as teachers were in sessions as part of MTSPD Day.
- 4.) Mr. McKenzie has been running intramurals at lunch time recess since the beginning of October. Students must be in their own cohorts. Ms. Reimer, will begin Cohort Choir Rehearsals at lunch starting at the beginning of November. Ms. Reimer has also been

running morning and afternoon Wellness Clubs for specific cohorts. These allow interested students to come to the music room and have an opportunity to relax and de-stress to calming music and breathing techniques.

5.) Picture Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27th. Retakes are scheduled for the afternoon of November 18th.

6.) There are no classes on Friday, November 19th, as teachers will be busy writing first term report cards.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 15th: Early Dismissal

Wednesday, October 27th : Picture Day

Friday, October 29th : Halloween – classroom parties in afternoon

Tuesday, November 2nd : Early Dismissal

Wednesday, November 10th: 11:00am – Virtual Remembrance Day Service

Thursday, November 11th: Remembrance Day-No School

Tuesday, November 16th: Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 18th: Picture Retakes (PM)

Friday, November 19th – Inservice – No School – Report Card Writing

Questions:

- She was wondering about cross cards at Bruce and Davidson there's cross guards at all of the normal spots around the school but Bruce and Davidson does not have a cross guard. Mr. Baker: Miss Stevenson our vice principal who's in charge of patrols has a smaller number of kids who are interested this year but I will bring this to her attention and maybe she will have an answer at least historic answer if there is a reasoning.
- Is there another way to have the form that is required for the parent council meeting, could there be a general link sent out? Mr. Baker: you can just give the information in the body of an email. Moving forward as people attend one meeting I will invite to every meeting.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:34pm