

Strathmillan Parent Council Meeting
January 24, 2023

1. Meeting Opened at 7:03pm by Carina Fitzpatrick

2. Attendance:

D.Nash

N.Stephansson

A.Parker

L.Bilyk

C.Fitzpatrick

J.Baker

Carina asked to add *Kindergarten Info Night* to the Agenda under Liaisons' Report.

3. Agenda - Approved

Liz made a motion to accepted Agenda

Dominica Seconded

4. Minutes - Approved

Dominica made a motion to accept November Minutes

Alaisha Seconded

5. Reports:

5.1 Principal's Report

- 1.) The current enrollment stands at 311 students.
- 2.) Strathmillan School will hold a Kindergarten Information Evening on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00pm in the school library for parents of children born in 2018 who are looking to enroll their sons or daughters in Kindergarten in the fall. Registration begins on Friday, Feb. 10th.
- 3.) On Friday, February 3 , the staff will be having an inservice. The staff of the school will be examining its beliefs on reading and writing practices in the morning and will be learning about cognitively guided math instruction in the afternoon from our numeracy coach.
- 4.) Three teachers will hold a Math Presentation as part of the parent council meeting in February. They will provide a brief overview of the topics of Number (Place Value, Math Talks, Counting Collections); use of standard algorithms when solving problems; and open and closed story problems. There will be some problems to try and time at the end for some general question and answer.
- 5.) February is Literacy Month and one of the activities being planned is an evening storyteller event on February 16th . More details will be sent out as they get finalized.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 24th: Early Dismissal

Friday, February 3rd: Inservice – No classes for students

Tuesday, February 7th: Early Dismissal

Thursday February 16th: Storyteller Evening

Monday, February 20th: Louis Riel Day – No School

Tuesday, February 21st: Early Dismissal

Other News:

On Jan.30th all Grade 2/3 will have a special Science Magic presentation in the Mini-Gym.

The money raised from the Archie's Fundraiser last year has been spent. Two Fun Ball Buckets for outside and misc. outdoor recess equipment has been ordered. Cheque to be given when the delivery arrives.

5.2 Liaison's Reports:

i. Finance: Alaisha Parker

Opening Balance of \$6741.63 as of December 31st.

Closing Balance of \$6741.63 as of January 24th.

Carina has an appointment to go to the bank on Thursday, January 26th so that we can have a second signing authority for cheques/deposits.

Carina passed two Healthy Hunger cheques to Alaisha, which will be deposited with the Mom's Pantry Fundraiser cheque.

Alaisha would like the Healthy Hunger cheques to say "Strathmillan Parent Council", Carina will look into having this changed.

ii. Fundraising: Liz Bilyk

Mom's pantry fundraiser closed with 47 orders and a profit of \$812.31. It was not as successful as last year. There had been hope people would purchase more for the Christmas season.

It was a very easy fundraiser to host, with everything running online. Passing out the delivery was easy as well. Thank you to all who helped distribute.

We will now look into hosting the Archie's Pizza Fundraiser.

Discussion was had about when to have the fundraiser. It was decided an end of April Fundraiser with a beginning of May delivery will work best for the Council.

Liz will check with Archie's to make sure this time is available.

Carina will create the paperwork once the date is confirmed.

Council had a discussion on how often and how many fundraisers we should do in the year. We don't want to burn out families, and want to see success in our fundraisers. For now we will stick with the two main fundraisers, plus a T-shirt sale every couple of years.

iii. Fun Lunch - Carina Fitzpatrick

Subway Fun Lunch was held on December 16/2022. We had 184 orders between Staff and students (5 of those were donated - plus a few misc. Sandwiches to the office for emergency), and a profit of \$195.50.

(The cheque from Healthy Hunger said \$272 as it includes the donated funds)

The donated food option was a great success. We had \$104.50 donated towards students who were not able to order. We only spent \$28 of those funds, so it has been documented that \$76.50 will be held for future Fun Lunches.

Carina will update the option to donate a specific fund amount in the future instead of items (ex. Donate \$1, Donate \$5, Donate \$10).

We will not have a donate option at the next Fun Lunch as we still have lots of funds carried over from last time.

Subway was not as easy to distribute as Papa John's. Carina will speak to them about not combining classrooms, as it was difficult to rearrange the orders.

The council held a vote for the next Fun Lunch. We will be having a KFC Lunch on a Friday in February. Carina will check with KFC for availability.

iv. Constitution Committee - Alaisha Parker

The Council decided to push this back until our March meeting. Everyone will spend some time reviewing the current constitution for any updates and changes. We will also add the Emergency Funds at this time.

v. Special Presentations -

Math Night will be moved to February 28th to accommodate all our presenters. A short Parent Council Meeting will be held after the presentation. All parents/guardians will be invited to stay to participate. We will keep the meeting quick and simple for this evening.

Liz will be in charge of creating advertising for the night on our Instagram Account.

Mr. Baker will start adding the information to his weekly email starting on Monday, and will send out a hardcopy in February.

We will ask families to register so we can have a rough estimate on the number of people planning to attend.

vi. Kindergarten Information Night:

Carina will try to be present to represent the Parent Council at the meeting. She will briefly talk about who we are, what we do and how we are trying to become more community based.

We will have information about our Instagram Account to give out to all families.

6. Questions:

Instagram:

A discussion was held about using our Instagram Account to promote more school/community events. Mr. Baker will need to look into if we are able to post about school events with the Division (sports registration, community events, school events)

The council would like to focus more on community building in our school, this is one way we believe we can accomplish this.

Staff Appreciation Week

We will try to replicate last year, if funds allow. Information will be sent out in February, with donations being sent to Liz's personal account.

-Pizza Lunch

-San Vito Lunch

-Fill the Staff Room with snacks/drinks/coffee

To be held the week before Spring Break: March 20th-March 24th.

Grade 5 Farewell

A question was asked about Grade 5 Farewell. A sub-committee will be formed in the Spring.

Year-End Carnival

Discussion was had about having a year-end carnival.

What would it look like to have this?

What kind of volunteers would we need?

The council feels we do not have enough volunteers currently to make this happen. Hopefully this is an idea we can look into again in the future.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned by Carina at 8:15pm.