

Strathmillan Parent Council

October 18th, 2022

Meeting Opened at 7:00 by Carina Fitzpatrick

Attendance:

L. Bilyk

C. Fitzpatrick

A. Parker

K. Boucha

N. Stephanson

M. Yide

K. Fraser

J. Baker

B. Engel

Agenda – Approved. **March Minutes** – Approved. **Principal's Report:** 1.) The current enrollment stands at 306 students.

2.) We welcome Mr. Jose Jimenez, to our staff. He will teach Grade 1 PE for the remainder of the year, which will allow Ms. Hueging to move over and take a greater role in our student services/resource team.

3.) Classrooms are deeply focused on the learning for the first term. Teachers are starting to gather and organize assessment for the first term report cards.

4.) There are no classes on Friday, October 21 st, as teachers will be in sessions as part of MTSPD Day. There are also no classes on Monday, October 24th . Staff will be here at Strathmillan working on the implementation of our school goals.

5.) Mr. McKenzie has been running intramurals at lunch time recess and will soon start soccer practice in the mornings. Ms. Dawson has begun choir rehearsals at lunch. There is a Primary (Gr 1 -3) and Intermediate Choir (Gr. 4-5)

6.) Picture Day is next week, Wednesday, October 26th . Retakes are scheduled for the morning of November 30th.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 18th Early Dismissal
Friday, October 21st : MTS PDDAY- No classes for students
Monday, October 24th : Inservice – No Classes for students
Wednesday, October 26th Picture Day
Wednesday, October 26th : Municipal Election Day (Strathmillan is a polling station)
Monday, October 31st : Halloween – School Assembly/Costume Parade in the afternoon
Tuesday, Nov. 1st : Early Dismissal

Finance:

At close on September 20th, Council had \$6741.05. At open on October 18th Council has \$6741.19 with credit interest of \$0.14. Carina and Liz will be going to the bank to add a name to the account before the next Council meeting.

Fundraising:

Carina provided an update on the t-shirt fundraiser. We received an updated quote, and with current inflation, we would need to charge \$25 per youth shirt just to break even. The council all agreed this is not the right time to do this fundraiser, and we will review this again for the 2023/2024 school year.

Liz provided an update on the Mom's Pantry Holiday Fundraiser. It is good to go for the holiday season, and we can start that ASAP. We are currently looking at having order pickups be on December 14, with a final call pick up the night of the Winter concert on December 15th. Liz will be getting the order packets ready ASAP.

Fun Lunch

As of October 18th in the afternoon, there has been 82 students and 1 teacher who have signed up for the Fun Lunch program. A total of \$659 in orders with \$90 in profit has been reported. Carina will look into finding a way to add on an option for an extra lunch for another student should parents wish to donate a lunch.

A vote for the next fun lunch was held with the choice being either Subway or Mary Browns. The majority voted for Subway. Subway will be the next Fun Lunch for December on either the 9th or 16th.

Special Presentations

A math night has been proposed to assist parents with how to better understand and help their child. It has been agreed to make this a parents only event on either November 15th or at the January Parent Council meeting. Mr Baker will get back to us on a date that will work and what staff will be assisting.

Carina proposed a Community Emergency Fund for when members of our school community are in crisis. This could be fire, or when low income families are not able to afford things like proper winter gear, field trips, etc. The Council was in favor of this suggestion. Mr Baker will check

with the auditor to be sure this is something we can do. It may need to be written into our Constitution.

It has been suggested that we review what our Constitution states at current, and make any changes that would be better suited to what our current Council represents. This will be done at a future Council meeting.

A concern from parents on the playground has been brought to the attention of the council. \$3000 had been provided to Mr McKenzie last year to purchase new equipment for outdoor activities, but parents are not seeing the new equipment in use yet. Mr Baker will follow up with Mr McKenzie on this matter.

Next meeting:

November 15th, 2022 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned by Carina at 7:47pm