

April 25, 2024 - Woodbine School Parent Council and Parent Association

Parent Council - 6:00pm

Introductions

Teacher Report - Grade 5/6 team

- Upcoming camp Kiwanis trip for the grade 6 students
- Grade 5s have a wetlands field trip to Heritage Park
- Science and SS PATs coming up. Math and ELA cancelled

School Report - Brenna

- Thank you to everyone who supported the staff Amazing Race
- Swimming - still looking for male volunteers, reminder for kids to wear baggy clothing
- Mrs. Kazi-Tani will be on leave, Mrs. Tucker will be on leave, Mr. Cuddihy has surplussed himself
- CBE budget being developed. Budget has been increased but enrolment has also increased, as have student complexities
- This has resulted in a \$224 million short fall annually
- Alberta has lowest student funding in Canada
- In 2 years, CBE will be over-capacity with many schools using common areas as classrooms
- Parents can write to their MLAs, use specific stories and share experiences
- Impact to Woodbine - complexities coming to the school, school plans to continue with literacy interventions, change in support staff to support complex learners, music increase from 0.5 to 0.7
- Projected class configuration: 2 kinder classes (24 and 22 students), 3 grade 1 classes (20, 19 and 19 students), 2 grade 2 classes (27 students each), 3 grade 3 classes (24, 23 and 23 students), 2 grade 4 classes (31 students each), 2 grade 5 classes (30 and 29 students each), and 3 grade 6 classes (20 students each).
- Upcoming Professional Development - layers of literacy
- Looking ahead - swimming (May 6-16), PATs, Kinder orientation June 6
- No wish list items at this time

School Zone Road Safety - Kat

- Concerned about parking and driving at drop off and pick up
- Kat has talked to Calgary Police about options
- In 2022 a walk around survey was done with parent volunteers, school admin and city representatives
- Would like to look at safety program for kids or school patrols. Woodbine used to have the school patrol program but it was paused due to covid.
 - What are the limitations that these programs would face?
 - Is a pull-through drop off possibility?
 - City program sandwich signs - is this a possibility?
 - Is language a barrier based on our EAL population?
 - Would like to look at options with AMA and reinstating school patrol
- Brenna - school admin drafted a pros and cons list - attached
- Discussion around safety concerns with having students trying to patrol in an areas where adults are driving and behaving dangerously
- Kat would be willing to take on the research piece of looking for programs that may help mitigate the program - Kat will set up an email to send out to find out if there are parents who. Kat will provide an update at our next meeting.

Virtual Meeting Options - Kat

- Kat finds it difficult to attend meetings and would like to explore the options for a virtual meeting
- Brenna will include our link to the next hybrid meeting with our school messenger
- Pooja - her jr high does a hybrid version with smart board
- Potential that this help us with engagement and promoting the wide variety of smaller volunteer opportunities

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Parent Association - 7:02pm

Approval of last month's minutes

Motioned by Jess and Seconded by Christine

Treasurer Report - Sara

- General Account - We currently have \$10,715.42 in our general account, as well as over \$1000 in our Skip the Depot account. - We have \$760 from a recent fun lunch, plus another \$322 to be deposited.
- Casino Account - We currently have \$66,187.51 in our casino account.
- Other - We have successfully obtained board insurance, and have what seems like a reliable provider moving forward for a flat rate of \$900 per year.
- Encouraging teachers to spend their \$200 classroom budgets, following the guidelines that admin provided. -
- We have \$500 from the CBE for a parent engagement opportunity or event.
- Looking to confirm approval for two expenses - school mascot (based on student presentation in December) with a cost of up to \$500, and Science of Reading program yearly membership (requested by grade one team) which is \$268.06
- Approval of purchase of mascot costume motioned by Jess, seconded by Tina
- Approval of purchase of Science of Reading program membership motioned by Sara, seconded by Sam

Community Liaison Report - Pooja

- No meeting since last PA meeting
- Community pantry grand opening coming up
- Community clean up day also coming up
- Pooja will post a request for silent auction items to the Woodcreek Facebook page

Playground Committee Report - Stephanie

- Grant writing effort will really come into play next year
- Table will be set up at the dance with fly by video and info
- Can also sell tickets at the dance
- Corporate sponsorship package is coming out

Fundraising - Jess and Sam

- Spring Dance - school has a first aid kit that the dance can borrow,
 - Todd will coordinate the stage key.
 - lower numbers than normal but will more than break even
 - will be a good event to get people out
- Pub Night - May 25, 2024 - Christine update

- Ticket sales are a bit low (22 tickets sold so far), maybe open up to the whole woodbine community if ticket sales aren't up after the dance
- silent auction is looking great but more items are always welcome

Healthy Hunger - feedback for next year? McDonalds was not the most popular, so likely not that next year. Also may look at reducing the number of choices.

Yearbook Update - Tina

- All teachers have been emailed. Tina needs a few dates to photograph the staff and clubs. Also need to consider a way to keep kids without media release away from the photoshoot.

New Business

- Potential opportunity for a few food trucks at a 'family picnic night' in June. Christine will find some potential dates.
- We need 4 raffle prizes for the teacher prizes - Sara will pick up this weekend.

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End - 8:07pm