

Alexander's School Council Meeting Minutes May 31/2022

Principal's Report:

- year in review
- plan for June
- coffee on the blacktop -nice talking to parents/families
- BBQ June 16
- last week's Friday Blast: Antiracism literacy tutoring summer program via Halton Black Voices (part-time volunteers); ALX has put in a permit to host/run through summer

V.P. Report:

- lieu day (came in late, nothing to report)

Teacher's Report:

- thank you to parent council for work done throughout the year and weaving fun in throughout the school year, the students and teachers appreciate it
- happy to be finishing school in person this year!
- summer learning opportunities on HDSB website, also Hamilton school board website

Treasurer's Report:

- cookie sales + popcorn sales estimated at \$7521 (need to take off for final purchase)
- will email final totals once in at the end of June
- \$3371 carryover amount from last year
- PIC funding (parent involvement)
- \$10892.42 balance (will be less after invoicing comes out for cookies, popcorn, etc.)

New names/attendees

- asked for feedback
- Question: what does fundraising money go to?
- Answers: graduating classes -graduation decorations, photo coposties -also diversity and inclusion materials; mental health and identity resources -PIC money to be used for end of year BBQ (planning to have Senior band perform in gym, phys ed teachers organize some light and fun games, friendly competitions, library to bring summer reading program info, possible fire truck, police representative, ambulance?, Optimist Club doing BBQ'ing donation to charities, City of Burlington lending library for games, need more ALX alumni for volunteers
- ask teachers what resources they wish they could have for CRP/The Way Forward
- intentional work with students to find out what they need

Graduation:

- no requests thus far
- decorations covered out of school funds
- grad pictures/composites? Have done in past, but has already been put out to parents for ordering

-is there anything else required?

More Feedback/Questions:

-blacktop painting? When? Lines/games, etc.

-plan is to add more basketball hoops, line painting and games

-students have been asked for input of what they would like to have

Vote for Spending:

-a thank you gift to Suzanne for all her help (flowers/gift card) All agreed

-games/prizes for the BBQ ~\$500 All agreed

-order extra popcorn for grad celebration ~\$75

Question posed to group:

-too many or not enough emails?

-parents appreciate many of the reminder emails for school cash online, etc Life is busy, the extra reminders are appreciated

Question asked by attendee:

-are there other healthier options for lunch? Hot lunch? Lunch Lady?

-comment that there is too much pizza, cookies, popcorn, not enough healthy options to make parents lives a little simpler

Question asked by attendee:

-why is there no SK graduation ceremony/celebration?

-it has happened in the past, pre-pandemic

-teachers don't want to? Not allowed? Burned out?

Fundraising for the next school year:

-Fresh from the Farm fundraiser for the fall -healthy fresh fruits and vegetables, will register now for the fall, no obligation, but to get the ball rolling

-popcorn again? Went well, pretty easy. Tie in with Spirit Days? Or do it once/month? -Spirit wear to order for families? Was asked at Coffee on the Blacktop, as ordered clothing from 2+ years ago no longer fits kids

-cookies were very successful, would likely do again in new year

Wrap up for year end:

-need to make a "Welcome to ALX" resource book for admin and council -Thank yous for year end, everyone's hard work and a successful year despite still very many limitations!