

Parkside School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Heather, Stephanie, Amanda, Brie, Katie, Jen B

December 16, 2024

School Name: Parkside Elementary School Location: 401 Cedarvale Ave.		Date: Dec 16, 2024 Time: 6:30 pm	
Agenda Item	Presenter(s)	Time	Discussion or Decision
1. Welcome and Introductions	Brie Taylor	5 minutes	Discussion
2. Principal & Teacher Report	Heather Myrvold + Jennifer Budden	10 minutes	Discussion
3. Financial Report	Ali Carby	10 minutes	Discussion
4. Summary of Activities Oct 15-Dec 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hallowe'en + Holiday Movie NightRead-A-Thon ResultsNew Clubs & Student Enrichment ActivitiesCoats for Kids	BT & AH	10 minutes	Discussion
5. Upcoming Activities/Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pizza Lunch/PopcornSkating & Hot ChocolateArcadia Earth Field TripCamp FairFundraising and Investment Overview	BT & AH	25 minutes	Discussion
6. Meeting Adjournment + Final Comments/Questions	Amanda Hubbard	2+ minutes	Discussion

Principal & Teacher Report

4 goals:

Achieve: we've had 2 sessions of professional learning for staff in Math and Moderated Marking. EQAO testing results: we are lowest in math, below both TDSB and provincial results. Moderated Marking: teachers meet and share student work to discuss how well students are meeting curriculum expectations.

Belong: looking at School Code of Conduct and Skating.

CoC has been sent with newsletter three times and is posted in all classrooms. We ask that parents share this with their children and reinforce student expectations, peaceful conflict resolution, empathy, etc. We follow progressive discipline, consequences vary according to different needs, frequency, etc.

Skating: Dates are booked, cost is shared with council. 137 responses to survey so far, please remind families to fill out. New to note: all students **and volunteers** have to wear a helmet this year. *Question: are we accepting donations yet? Answer: yes, they can bring them to the office*

Thrive: All students graduate with the confidence, skills and knowledge to thrive. Upcoming career fair provides an opportunity for students to connect with parents/community members who have experience in skilled trades. If anyone knows anyone who is in the skilled trades, pass their contacts on to Jen and she will arrange. Communication will go to wider community in January. Brie to help out Jen and Heather with fair details.

Revitalize: New modern, safe, accessible kindergarten playground is open. *Question: Do older students get a chance to check out the playground? Answer: yes, it is intended for kindergarten but other classes will get a chance to check it out*

Key Dates & Activities

Parkside Hearts the Arts December 18

Assembly December 20 1:15

Girls Basketball placed first

Boys volleyball placed second

Coming in Jan/Feb: boys basketball, girls volleyball, ball hockey, lacrosse, chess club, comic book club, Boys + creation, young women on the move

Financial Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Current Balance</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Bank Account	\$11,129.87	
School Cash Account	\$7,254	
SAP Account	\$0	
Cash (to be deposited)	\$0	
Cheques to be deposited	\$0	
Expenses (cheques to issue/clear - approx)		\$10,000 Student Enrichment Fund
<i>Total</i>	\$18,383.87	
TOTAL Funds Available (approximate)	\$8,383.87	

Recent School Council Activities Overview:

Movie nights: Halloween and Holiday both went really well, strong attendance, approx \$250-\$350 raised after expenses

Readathon: Strong fundraising and execution. Raised \$2800

- Prizes earned are bookmarks, milk and cookies recess and trip to Arcadia Earth

New Clubs Overview- Summary of Enrichment Fund Activities:

1. Lacrosse day: really well done and engaging, great experience. School was able to purchase lacrosse equipment, whole new sport for the school to enjoy.
2. Choir: 47 students, new uniforms purchased, trip to Kiwanis upcoming
3. Chess club: 45 students signed up, starting January 20 for 5 weeks.
4. Comic Book Club to launch in March when chess is done.

Upcoming Activities:

1. Pizza days December 19th and January 23rd. Exploring Pizza Pizza but they require a \$1k advance, Ros may look into this. Bonus: many locations are Halal so no more separate ordering. Potential to raise \$100 more per pizza day.
2. Popcorn Recess: Jan 9. Reminders have gone to parents, orders need to be in before holidays. *Double check that all flavours are Halal*.
3. Skating: when should we have Hot Chocolate? Miss I will handle hot chocolate if the parent council funds it. We already have cups, just supply the hot chocolate and Miss I will handle the rest. Marshmallows are unnecessary (too much sugar and not Halal)
4. Arcadia Earth Field Trip: need to sit with Miss Abi to discuss dates/buses. Want to do it during Earth Week. DD classes would prefer a trip to Variety Village for LG games at the end of Feb (free trip). Brie, Heather and Amanda to meet with Miss Abi after Pizza on Thursday to discuss *Question: Are all classes going at once? Answer: would be better to do two or three groups.*
5. Camp Fair: earlier in the year, get ahead of city booking dates. Slated for Jan 29th at DA Morrison, permit has been requested. \$375 per camp (early bird \$350). 25-30 camps targeted. Marketing target: parents to 6-14 year old kids. Flyer the community and the kids at Parkside and DA. Targeted email communications within local schools. Facebook Groups postings and paid social ads. Next steps: email camps by Dec 18 and follow up in Jan. Marketing begins in Jan.

Fundraising Summary - Estimated

Item	Est. Funds
Funds as of December 13 <small>Includes previous year funds + fundraising efforts to date in '24</small>	\$ 18,384
Movie Nights (2 remaining approx \$300 each event)	\$ 600
Camp Fair	\$ 6,000
Buskerfest/Talent Show	\$ -
Active Play Day (est similar to Readathon)	\$ 2,800
Pizza & Popcorn Days and Freezie Days remaining	\$ 1,500
TOTAL	\$ 29,284

Investment Planning Overview

Activity	Est. Cost
Skate Days (fees)	\$ 600
Skate Days Hot Chocolate	\$ 200
Teacher Funds 15 @ \$50	\$ 750
Arcadia Earth Field Trip	\$ 5,000
Variety Village Field Trip (bus)	\$ 300
Enrichment Fund	\$ 10,000
Add'l Enrichment Fund for '24 (Kiwanis Bus)	\$ 300
Graduation	\$ 350
Movie License	\$ 458
Bank Fees	\$ 60
Summer Palooza	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$ 20,018
Estimated Available Funds for 24/25	\$ 29,284
OVER/UNDER into '25/26	\$ 9,266

Shared Calendar of Activities Overview.

Next meeting: Feb 3 (Note - Secretary will be away, someone else needs to take notes).

Meeting adjourned with no questions.