

Victoria Cross Public School Parent Council Meeting

Oct. 10/23

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Attendance

Shannon Spike: Principal

Carol-Anne Sloan: Vice Principal

Cathy Robinson: Teacher Representative

Becky Wagner: Chair

Samantha Penny: Vice-chair

Crissy Johnson: Treasurer

Lisa Todd: Secretary

Meghann Dykstra

Holly Jordan

Jasmine Kidd

Sharon Kaur

Wendy Peterson

Fundraising

Our fundraising goal this year will be a general goal with funds being allocated to various areas. Previous years funds have been given to Grade 8 Grad, Yearbook, Teacher/class wishes, Restocking of balls and outdoor equipment for example. Our hope is to have 3 major fundraisers. One in the fall, one in February/March and then one in the spring. It was suggested that we concentrate on two food/necessity and one non-food options. We discussed Terra Cotta cookies, Poinsettias, Krispy Kreme, Canadian Safety, Big Box of Cards, Magpies Bakery and Little Ceasars. A Facebook Poll will be created to get more ideas or input. We decided to go ahead with Harriston Meat Packers & Raw Carrot Soup for our fall session.

PIC Money (\$500)

Discussed having a guest speaker to talk to Parents and students. Internet Security, Human Trafficking, Grooming/Luring, and Mental Health Issues including depression and anxiety. We will defer this to the next meeting.

Future Meeting

The majority voted for in person meetings with Hybrid options. Offering a google meet or phone in option will hopefully allow greater involvement from those who cannot attend in person due to computer issues, sickness, transportation etc. Motion was moved.

Christmas Parade

The parade is usually held the first Friday in December. Insurance is required by the board to participate. Shannon will look into obtaining the insurance needed and the date. We will plan on participating but volunteers will be needed. It is a large undertaking.

Halloween

This year we will be continuing with our Orange and Black Day. This way we can insure Respect for all People and Cultures. Inclusion for all is our aim. Not all families celebrate or can afford the fancy costumes. In past years costumes became lost or damaged resulting in children not having their costumes to go out at night. Costumes may not be inclusive or may cause harm to cultural beliefs. There will be Classroom activities for all students to enjoy. It was suggested that we put something on the Website/Facebook group, for everyone to get prepared for our Orange and Black Day Theme.

Principal's Report

Shannon began by thanking everyone for the awesome, smooth start to the school year and for the turnout for our first Parent Council Meeting.

Sept. 29th, we participated in the National Day of Recognition. Students came to school wearing their Orange Shirts. Students are learning about Residential Schools and the Impact of these Schools on the Native Community and Families. Much work is left to do.

Oct. 6th, we participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run. They completed 2859 laps which is equivalent to 1150 km. As a school, we raised approximately \$570.00.

Oct 17th IAP's will be sent home.

Oct 20th We will be having an in-school fundraiser. For a \$2 donation the Children will have a PJ Day.

These funds will be used to help support families in our school community who have sick children.

Transportation, accommodation, meals etc. to help offset costs of having to stay at hospital, cost of fuel etc.

Oct 27th will be a PD Day. Teachers will attend board training, Progress Report writing. Our ECE's will also have some training to do.

EQAO individual results will be sent home this month. Overall results be shared when they become available most likely sometime in November.

School Calendar Updates are coming soon. A call has been placed with IT Dept to unlock it so that it is editable.

A lot of interest has been shown regarding a Student Council being formed. Nominations and voting will be coming soon.

The Snack & Breakfast Program was discussed to start a regular, sit-down program. This is greatly needed to ensure that all children have a full tummy when they are at school. We will continue to provide the snack program as well. Elli will continue with the Snack Program and Lisa Todd will spearhead the Breakfast portion. Mrs. Godfry will do all the ordering for both programs. A budget will need to be put in place as it is estimated that we will need around \$500 - \$600 a week to run the programs. We will require more volunteers. Suggestions to look into Community Service groups like the Lion's Club, Highschool students looking for volunteer hours etc. Once we have a basic outline of the program we can include duties, time commitments etc. in our request for volunteers.

Intermediate Soccer attended a tournament last week and our Cross Country Team will be participating next week.

We are looking for Noon hour supervision on an emergency call in basis. This is a paid position and does require a Vulnerable Sector Police Check.

Color Team Shirts will be available until Oct 20th.

New Business

Family Support at Christmas. Suggestions on helping include a food drive, socks, mittens and hats drive, gift cards for local grocery stores, Wal Mart gift cards, Canadian Tire or IDA gift cards. We will need to compile a list of families needing assistance with food, clothing or gifts.

We will check with Sonya to see if we will be doing a cold weather clothing drive. Coats, snow pants and boots. This may be the perfect project for the Student Council to run.

Treasurer's Report

Fundraising/Classroom Support/Chocolate Bars - \$0

Operating Expenses - \$710.51

Playground Maintenance - \$5758.19

A new swing was ordered, and we are waiting for the company to install it. We will reach out to them for an update.

Picture Day – We will get back to you soon with the date.

A blurb on our Facebook page about doing a "Facebook Cleanup" and asking for those members who no

longer have a child in the school to remove themselves from the group by Oct 31/23.

Meeting Adjourned 8pm

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov 14, 2023, in the Learning Commons