

Joseph Gibbons School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2024

Time: 5:45 pm

In attendance: Kim Cation, Kris McConaghy, Krystle Monahan, Tara Weber, Isabel Sura, April Forbes, Crystal Borg, Manuthi R.

Regrets: Mallory Honeyman, Cassandra Spence, Christine Monckton, Rowena Batt, Kelly Sweeting

1. Principal's report – Kim Cation

- Leadership opportunities for students
 - grades 3 and 4 (maybe 5 to come) helping in Kindergarten rooms are break time
 - PAL's training – older students learn games and teach/guide younger students through games – currently working on purchasing the requested materials
 - Basket requests for the school council fundraisers have been communicated to teachers.
 - Manuthi – Student senate is organizing a fundraiser to support Darling Home
 - Posters and announcements to come
 - Collecting personal hygiene products
 - Request families to bring items to Spring Fling on the Wednesday, and continue to send products into school the remainder of the week. Additionally, plan to have a cash book at the Spring Fling for monetary donations. "Kids for Kids". Item list to be in Gazette + additional info on Darling Home.

2. Teacher rep's report – Kris McConaghy

- Relay practice/tryouts began. Track and field is starting up.
- Teachers worked on math info on the PA day.
- Frozen Jr. field trip coming up.
- Candlelight Tribute for the grade 5's
- 179 cans collected for canned meat drive!

3. Budget

- \$800 for the PALs program - \$700 will come from the school council and the school will cover the remainder.

- May 15th event is to fundraise for outdoor activity bags. School council will dip into reserve to pay for bags now, so they can be used this year, and hopefully the fundraiser covers replenishing the cost.
 - Teachers to put together request lists this coming week. Confirm prices and the school council will work to support the requests.

4. Other business

- Can the school council help with PAL's program? Krystle to reach out to Madam Wadden and Mrs. Burt
- More clarification and information required regarding basket donations. Parents aren't positive about what it means. More info to come in the Gazette, and possibly post elsewhere. Deadline of May 10th for submissions was decided, to give time for the school council to put baskets together.
- Gardening stuff – report on this in the fall.
- A survey was sent out to parents and caregivers regarding the Spring Fling – primary response was regarding fundraising – specifically for outdoor equipment.
- Need to concentrate on collecting auction items for the spring event
 - We have some things from Cartwheels, town passes, foam balls from the Town, additional donations from other community members.
 - Possible sub committee to decide on what can be used from the school and what we need to buy for event

Next meeting: TBA