



School Council Meeting - Paradise Elementary Tuesday, April 12, 2022

In attendance: Deb Smith, Jody Beckett-O'Leary,

Regrets: Amy LeGrow, Tammy King

1. Welcome - Minutes approval to post
2. Allocations for next year
 - Currently we have 23 classrooms and next year we will also have 23 classrooms (potential to change based on enrollment)

Deb discussed allocations and how everything is status quo. Deb is currently VP, while Mike is Principal.

3. COVID-19 Update

Covid has taken a toll on staffing as there is a substitute shortage.
Another package of tests have been distributed to the students.
Deb is no longer calling home to inform families of covid contacts.
4. School Development Survey 2021-2022
 - 3 and 4 - 99%
 - 5 - 99%
 - Parental rate - 482 families - 30.9% (not broken down per family)

School Development Survey 2020-2021

Families have acknowledged they want to change the cafeteria food service.
Few others wanted teachers parked in back and to pave the field for extra parking.

5. Technology

- Upgrades
- 30 new Chromebooks have been purchased
- Sept., 2023 - 50 Chromebooks will need to come out of circulation due to not being able to update. Will need to replace Chromebooks next year.

6. KinderStart

Next session is on literacy and the Speech Language Pathologist will be in to speak.

Parents are still not permitted down to the classrooms due to Covid restrictions

7. Outdoor improvements 2

LGBTQ crosswalk to be painted

Graffiti cleanup in the outdoor house

Painting and re-stencilling some of the items outside

Reconnect with the town to check

8. Breakfast Club

- Donations
- Did well. A lot of cereal. Kids eat smart foundation will match the donations.
- Have not calculated monetary donations.
- Lion's Club donated \$250

9. Fundraising for 2022-2023

Start to think about activities to generate funds for areas of need within the school.

Ideas for fundraising

- St. John's Bath Works
- Subway coupons
- 50/50 Draws

10. Social Justice

Grade 5 students - Pictures for Ukraine support and cards and pictures for the residents of the Canadian Ukrainian Care Centre in Toronto

Fundraiser - \$654.30 raised for Ukraine Red Cross

11. Volunteer Week

- A big thank you to our volunteers - April 24-30
- Breakfast Club volunteers - Tues/Thurs morning
- Treats to be brought in for volunteers and provide a small breakfast for them
- School Council volunteers - May 10, 2022 (Survey to see if we will come in the building and have a meal together)

12. Parking

Deb and Ryan have been patrolling making sure the parking lot is flowing smoothly. Extra pylons around in the morning.

What parents are saying:

Positives - Kiss & Ride organizations

Negatives - Parking spaces

13. Extra Items

Canada flag will be raised at the beginning of May

Erin suggested flying the Paradise Elementary flag again. Maybe hung in the foyer

Deb discussed brightening up the foyer and the four pillars. Painting them red.

Open house for the lost and found once the weather gets nicer. Put the clothes outside for parents to have a look at the clothing.

At the end of the school year the leftover clothing gets donated.

Question asked about a sneaker donation for the school where students grow out of them so quickly. May be able to do an open house on a weekend to do a sneaker donation but there is no room to house the items throughout the year.

May be able to do a garage sale where people rent a table for \$10. But this is all contingent on Covid. Paula discussed a clothing swap and showed interest in volunteering.

Jody brought up how we have sneakers available in the gym so that if students don't have sneakers, there are some being housed within the gym.

Deb is open to having a sneaker swap later towards the end of the year.

Erin suggested snowsuit swap as well. Could be a good idea for the fall.

Anything left over could be donated to Coats for Kids.

Move forward on garage sale and sneaker swap. Hold off on boots until the fall.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @5:30pm

Minutes recorded by: Joe Day