

Parkside Parent Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2024

Attendees: Heather, Ros, Stephanie, Amanda, Brie, Spencer, Ali, Jen, Katie, Charlotte

School Name: Parkside Elementary School		Date: Oct 21, 2024	
Location: 401 Cedarvale Ave.		Time: 6:30 pm	
Agenda Item	Presenter(s)	Time	Discussion or Decision
1. Welcome and Introductions	Brie Taylor	5 minutes	Discussion
2. Principal's Report	Heather Myrvold	10 minutes	Discussion
3. Teacher's Report	Jennifer Budden	10 minutes	Discussion
4. Financial Report	Brie Taylor and Ali Carby	5 minutes	Discussion
5. Upcoming Activities/Project Updates •Pizza Lunch/Popcorn •Hallowe'en Movie Night •Student Enrichment Grant Program •Readathon Challenge	Brie Taylor/Amanda Hubbard	35 minutes	Discussion
6. What's Next & Meeting Adjournment •	Amanda Hubbard	5 minutes	Discussion

Principal's Report:

Multi Year Strategic Plan of TDSB- 2024 to 2028
 Centered with a foundation of equity and truth and reconciliation.
 Goals are action words: Belong, Achieve, Thrive, Revitalize
 Spend time on strategies and actions for achieving these goals

Achieve: All students reach high levels of achievement, success, and personal development
 Belong: All students belong, are engaged, and valued in an inclusive environment. Thrive: All students graduate with the confidence, skills, and knowledge to thrive. Revitalize: All students and staff learn and work in inclusive, safe, and modern environments.

Upcoming Events:

October 22 (6:30 pm): Affirming Gender & Sexual Diversity at Parkside - was requested in caregiver survey. Will provide kid friendly ways to discuss this topic and answer questions
October 25: Lacrosse Workshop- funded through SEF. Some presenters are Indigenous and sharing Indigenous connections to the sport
October 30 (1:15 pm): Assembly
October 31(1:30pm)- Halloween parade

Financial Update:

Current Balance: \$14,232k (Expenses \$10k)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Current Balance</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Bank Account as of Sept 24, 2024	\$14,005	
School Cash Account as of Oct 21, 2024	\$ 227	
SAP Account as of Oct 21, 2024	\$0	
Cash (to be deposited)		
Cheques to be deposited		
Expenses (cheques to issue/clear - Enrichment Fund)		\$10,000
<i>Total</i>	\$14,232	
TOTAL Funds Available (approximate)	\$4,232	

Upcoming Activities:

Pizza Day: October 24th. Will be hosted in gym. Volunteers confirmed. Full year of pizza day

purchases available on SCO.

Popcorn Day: October 31st, sponsored by Kernels. Pre-packed bags with all different flavors. Halloween bundle! Amanda/Brie to coordinate pickup. Volunteers needed. Popcorn stays fresh for up to 10 weeks, which will minimize waste.

Question: Can you donate extra for popcorn on SCO to cover a child that isn't yours? Heather may be able to set up a button for a donation to supplement on Pizza/Popcorn days, will confirm with Abi.

Question: Kids often ask for pizza on pizza day when their parents haven't ordered. Can we give them some? Pizza is different from popcorn (which we can give away), as we only order a specific amount. Heather to explore options for extra pizza for families who may not be able to afford.

Movie Night: October 25th 6pm, movie at 6:15, showing Despicable Me 4. Cash only, costumes welcome, parents must accompany children. Free event but optional donation on SCO.

Question: Should we provide pumpkins for movie night or Halloween? Too short of notice for this week, next week is better. Amanda and Brie to pick up/drop off 11 pumpkins to school next week, will decorate for Halloween.

Question: Do we need more decorations for Movie Night? Jen has supplied a ton, Amanda and Brie to confirm if we need more. Brie and Amanda to do Costco run for snacks/juice for movie night.

Student Enrichment Fund Update:

Indigenous Games Days - all new equipment

Choir- new uniforms and trip to Kiwanis festival

Recorder Club- new music stands

Chess Club- 3rd party TDSB vendor to teach the basics and hone skills. Timing TBD. Teacher secured.

Comic Book Club

Arts Club- student art installation (interactive), Hearts for the Arts (December), bracelet making

Women on the Move- special guest speaker: Mary Sanders (olympian, motivational speaker), hosted by WotM, presentation for whole school

Dance Club- trip to Harbourfront Center for gr %

Pollinator Gardens and Learning Sessions

Question: Have these clubs been announced to the students yet? Not fully announced yet. Parent reps have been informed.

Question: Can parents volunteer at these clubs? To be a regular volunteer, they'd need police clearance

New event: Parkside Readathon November 11-22nd

Aligns with book fair

Looking for ideas to engage and inspire children. Individual goals as well as school wide goal.

School-wide award announced at November assembly?

Suggestion: Parents can sign up to come in for readings throughout the week?

If anyone wants to get more involved, let Amanda or Brie know

Camp Fair: will be earlier this year

Winter Concert - shifted to February this year to accommodate family schedules

Overview of School Council Activity Calendar

No additional comments or questions.

Meeting Adjourned.