

## **Centennial PS School Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 24, 2024 6:30-8:00 pm**

#### **In Attendance**

Stephen Sherlock, Angela Appleby, Kathleen Merritt, Krista Luft,  
Ningsih Dijong, Caleb Lauer, Jenna Ferguson  
Guest Speaker – Jordan Wettlaufer – Erb West Community Center

#### **Principal Report – Steve Sherlock**

- 423 Students currently
- Term 1 Report Cards to be distributed February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Term 2 Report cards to be distributed end of June
- Take time to review the report with your child. Discuss strengths, areas to improve etc.
- Parents-please feel free to reach out at any time to discuss your child's progress and/or concerns with their teachers. Set up timing with them directly via email, phone. You can call the school and reach out through the Secretary, Guidance Counsellors (Grace McQuire), etc.
- **GRAD DATE** – Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Bingemans Ballroom. Ceremony, along with each child to receive Grade 8 Grad Certificate. Details to be confirmed soon. Dance after the ceremony. Pick up @ 10:30pm sharp.
- Highschool transition process underway. Program interests being discussed in preparations. To be finalized 3 weeks prior to March break (February 13-16 time frame)
- June 24, 2024 - Visits to the corresponding schools. 5 different High Schools are possible.
- They can reach out to our Guidance Counsellor to sort their pathways if needed.
- Information posted on the Google Classrooms. Discussions have been made to each classroom by Mrs. McQuire.
- Grade 7 Parents, begin the conversations and think of "where you see your kids going" ...certain High schools have certain programs to enrich the child's specific interest.
- February 7, 2024 School Vaccine program to catch students up on mandatory required vaccines to attend school.

#### **Pro Grant Discussions**

- Jordan Wettlaufer joined the meeting to introduce himself, what he does, where he works etc. He is part of the Erb West Community Center which is involved in community development/engagement, social services, after school rec programs, well being, mental health, tutoring, etc..
- Jordan was involved in the very successful Community Engagement Event, a BBQ in spring of 2023, held at their Center. The turn out was wonderful, over 300 people, and we'd like to do it again. We discussed doing two. One at the Centennial grounds to focus on the past, current, and future students. The other to be held at the Community Centre, along with the Mosque being involved as well. This will hopefully bring our marginalized and diverse community together and reach Parents and Caregivers in different, more personable ways. Food brings people together, so a BBQ is a great

way to do so. Mosque is offering to donate \$650 towards this kind of event. The school is hoping to reach out to Parent Volunteers to execute the Centennial one. The community one is well run by the Centre and have brought their own Volunteers in the past. School Day info will appear closer to event.

- Caleb met with the Imam who runs the Mosque to discuss “what to do” ...Event with food for community outreach. He would mention the event in his sermon to get the word out there.
- Through the PRO Grant, Ministry gives schools up to \$500 to use if they plan to connect and communicate with the community. Application for this grant is due end of day Friday this week, (January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

**Finance – Harish was unable to attend so information provided and presented by Mr. Sherlock**

- School council budget \$6,859.25
- Pizza fund raiser \$13,000 from October to current (2023-2024) (carried \$10k over from last year)
- Pita sales \$300 from launch date to current (\$1 from every Pita sold) These funds to be put directly back into Phys Ed program.
- Athletic council doing chip sales \$1 a bag (started this week, January 25)

**TOTAL = \$23,000.00**

***\*\*Requests from Staff & Students on money to be spent;***

**Phys Ed need equipment;**

- 5 Basketballs (indoor only, high quality) \$100 each x 5 = \$500.00
- Floor Hockey sticks (16 right, 12 left) = \$1,568.00
- Floor hockey balls = \$20.00
- Badminton Nets \$50.00 each x 2 = \$100.0
- Badminton Rackets \$10.00 each x 10 = \$100.00

**Drama Club (60 students involved);**

- Performance of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” script rights = \$1,500.00

**TOTAL = \$ 3,788.00** – APPROVED BY COUNCIL January 24, 2024

**School Council Initiatives**

- Continuing pizza sales (biggest fund raiser)
- Discuss specifics for Spring BBQ's (Centennial & Community)
- Future plan to 'spruce up the Gym' – New Uniforms etc.
- Year end trips to be further discussed
- Trying to still reach out to families that aren't on school day, or have language barriers etc.
- Suggested was to send out an email on School Day to reach families fluent and able to translate at no cost to the school, and yet still have them reached.
- Grade 8 over night trip. Still waiting on full confirmation on whether this is possible to do. School is able to help Students cover costs if needed.

*Next Parent Council Date – February 28, 2024*

