

September 24, 2024 JA Parent Council Minutes

Attendance

Raechel

Mark

Jessica

Joyce

Michelle

Aliza

Heather

Damion

Joanne

Fave

Blaine

Vanessa

Maria

Chairs Report

Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month. No meetings in December and March.

Treasurers Report

We would like to purchase items for the school again this year like we did last year, from Joyce's wish list.

There is roughly \$49 000 in the bank account at present; we are waiting on pizza payments from June.

We are working on raising money for Play Structure Fund and so far we have \$36 453 saved.

Principals Report

We started the first 5 days of school off really well. Everyone is getting into the routines and getting the hang of schedules.

We are still in the process of hiring a teacher for the grade 5 class Joyce is working hard on going through all the applications to see who is the best fit for that classroom

Over the summer there was asbestos removed from some closets that were not used very much. All new tiles and shelves have been put into place.

The company that comes in to turn the sand every year has broken the kindergartens play structure so we are in talks with the company about it and hopefully they will replace the structure in that yard .

Sand is a nightmare for some of our children with different hair types so we have requested mulch and we will get it for next year. We were too late in June to get it for Sept.

The big play structure in the back yard is temporarily closed - a plank has come loose and we have put in a call to have someone come in and fix it for us.

Meet the Teacher Night / Open House / Welcome Back BBQ

We are going to have the BBQ on Sept 26. Start setting up at 3 pm and put pylons around the area so that the walkers can go around it and be safe.

Joanne is calling Knights of Columbus to make sure they are free and can come that day.

SCO can be just used as the same as last year and we can keep the prices the same.

If we can't get the knights of Columbus the Mark will get some BBQs together so that we can cook burgers and we will need more volunteers for the event. Alternatively we can consider a pizza picnic.

Michelle will put together the tickets for families the weekend before the BBQ and have them ready to hand out on the day of BBQ.

Raechel will contact St Pauls and SRB from grade 7 and 8 students to help volunteer.

We could also get some of the grade 6 students to help clean up.

Pros

Give people on the BBQ some time to stockpile some food and have it ready for families when they come to get their food.

Cons

Line ups for food drinks and buns and condiments where very long / long wait times.

Same night as the meet and greet with teachers

Hamburgers 3.00

Hotdogs 2.00

Halal hot dogs 2.00

Vegetarian 2.00

Water 1.00

Drinks 1.00

Pizza days are fast approaching – beginning the week of Oct 3. When you are filling out the forms for your child's teacher, it will be their afternoon teacher.

Some parents want more options for lunches - We will send out a survey to see what other parents want to have as other options. If we were to get other options for lunch time we would need more parent volunteers to be responsible to come in and had out and sort meals like pizza days.

Vanessa is going to look into Mables Labels for the school and let us know next meeting. Part of the money goes to the school.

We are going to create a bulletin board of School Council news in the main lobby of the school, so more parents can see what is happening on School Council.

Joyce wants to have gmail account for each position in School Council, for example

treasurerApo@gmail.com

Heather has a cricket machine – t-shirts for Council Events ("ask me about School Council") – Jessica to find out more

Next meeting is Oct 9th and will be doing elections for 2024/2025 School Council.