

Donald Young School Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023-6:15pm

Attending: Cheryl Foster, Heidi Loney, Hope Mosbeck, Tasha McNally, Kim Bolen (Teacher Rep), Serena Maharaj (Principal), Melanie Williams (Vice-Principal)

Regrets: Trevor Martin, Stevie-Lee Kaemingh, Benita Retief, Rosalie Dubuc

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1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Call to order at 6:28pm
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
 - Cheryl moved that they be accepted, Hope seconds the motion. Carried
3. Review and approval of previous minutes from last meeting on October 24, 2023.
 - Tasha moved that they be accepted, Cheryl seconds the motion. Carried.
4. Fundraising
 - Using school cash online there is a percentage that needs to be taken for administration fees increasing the cost of the items fundraising for-also makes the numbers not round out nicely. Even if we use cash or cheque a percentage needs to be taken off according to board policy. If we use a company that you can order directly from their website a percentage is not taken off by the school so this would be a preferred method. Serena was going to look at if the percentage taken off come back to the school. And would it go back to council or to somewhere else.
 - Discussed doing a bake sale during the Winter Concert, drop off Dec.12th on the evening or bring pre-packaged to the concert. Discussed colour coding for pricing or small stickers. The school will provide these.
 - Discussed a winter fun day and involving the Lakers - possibly skating at the arena or a pancake breakfast with them serving. Students not allowed to walk to the arena currently-Serena to check if the new crosswalk makes any difference or if crossing the "highway" in front of the school is the issue. Arena rental was \$62/hour, bussing would be expensive.
5. Parent Involvement Committee Meeting (PIC)
 - Benita attending the meeting tonight.
 - ProGrant money for DYS is \$900 this year.
6. Outdoor classroom update

- We got 16 brackets donated: so, for 8 benches, 8 feet long. They will be delivered in the Spring.

7. Principal's Report

- Remembrance Day Assembly- Grade 4/5 class presented. There were poems, readings and a virtual story. Very well received.
- Intermediate Volleyball-DYS hosted tournament Nov.11. They had 3 tournaments in a row.
- Progress reports-were sent out Nov.14th and parent teacher on Nov.16th.
- School Climate Survey-Letter send home Nov.20, needs to be completed by Dec.8
- Sleds and shovels-purchased already for the year.
- Chess Club-popular, just purchased new equipment.
- Orchestra concert Dec. 2 at Holly Daze. Collection of food hamper items which will go to the Emo food bank. Free will offering which will also be donated to the Emo food bank.
- Winter Concert Dec.14- Possibly at 6:30? One concert for whole school this year.
- Student Council-Deciding what they will do in December-? Door decorating contest, Dance? Food donations
- Festive Fun Day-Dec.21: Breakfast with Lakers ?Ice time ?
- Attendance Project-DYS is a pilot school. Primary teachers were targeted asking for strategies for students coming to school more often and how to engage parents. For those students that have absent rates that are 60-80%. The program offers supports for parents as well.
- DYS Apparel-school clothing online now open, the link is on the PowerSchool app. Order by Dec.15 and will arrive 3 weeks later.

8. Next meeting time January 30 at 6:00pm

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm