

MINUTES
School Council
Bells Corners Public School

DATE: Tuesday, October 1 2019

Meeting called to order by Chair, Royce Robbins, at 6:35pm.

Board members present: Royce Robbins, Sadhana Lad, Jodi Rosekat, Alison Frantz, Dee Campbell, Trish Charbonneau, Jen Jarabek, Rebecca Schroeder, Kish Kille, Amy Crouter, Christy Stanhope

Principal's Report / Sadhana Lad

Routines going well. Discussion on the change to bells; some feedback from kids that there are too many, that they can't keep track of which bell it is or what it's for. Christy suggested music. Mentioned an elementary school that plays Baby Beluga, and expressed an interest in seeing the science. Sadhana to explore this option.

Is Council interested in purchasing gear (t-shirts or buttons) with School Council on it, to help parents identify us. **Sadhana to explore cost of both.** Royce says t-shirts allow us to be identified from behind.

Milk program is being successfully run by students: 5-6 students per class participate.

Scrambles on Thursday after Fire Drill.

Terry Fox Run raised over \$1077. Students walked/ran 30 mins.

Buzy Bulldogs are running milk program, lunch monitoring, TFR, announcements, scrambles, connecting with Stillwater for Remembrance Day.

IEPs go home Oct 15

Progress Reports go home Nov 7

PA Day topic is Committing to Kids - Sexual Abuse Detection

Oct 5 - World Teachers' Day will be celebrated on Friday Oct 4 with treats in the kitchen for teachers

Teachers' Report / Jodi Rosekat

Question: Can LTOs (long-term occasionals) have a portion of the \$50 per teacher in the case where the teacher is returning halfway through the year? MOTION to give another \$50 to Mme Mai when she returns. Christy 1st/Amy 2nd. MOTION PASSES

Teachers will be getting 5 licences for A-Z. Ali has 2 to renew in Jan, so they can buy 3 now.

Request for Council to purchase a subscription to educateoutside.com, for kids aged 4-12 It's based on Cdn curriculum.

\$200/year Cdn for 3 month plus free trial. \$20 for 5 staff members, with limitations. **Ali to ask teachers who wants to use it.** MOTION to approve the \$200/year with caveat that at least 5 teachers will use it.

Royce 1st/Michelle 2nd

Treasurer's Report / Jen

Walk-a-thon invoice was \$170 for the shirts. Sadhana says that all those who won shirts got them.

MOTION by Jen to set aside \$350 for the 6s Leaving Ceremony. Trish 2nd. MOTION PASSES

Meet the Teacher: October 10. Council used to host a BBQ, but weather impacted attendance and Council couldn't get to their childrens' teachers. Ordering cheese pizza from Pizza Pizza plus vegan/GF pizza. Taking place in the gym. Free for families. Cost covered by \$500 grant. Donations to Kinder Yard/Backyard Improvement. Drinks \$1.

Christy + Dee + Amy to work the food and drink.

DEE to buy 300 slices.

JEN to buy drinks. **JEN** to provide float - will leave cash box with Leslie in Community Room

ROYCE to book gym with tables and chairs.

CHRISTY to make donation box.

Communication: **DEE** to write email for parents.

Outdoor Learning Centre

- chalkboards need to be repainted and put in the shed over winter
- evergreens need to be purchased to replace the ones that died last winter. Shawn says we need two. (Update: Christy and Dee counted 5 spots)
- trees need to be burlapped to protect them from the salt
- Christy says to buy fertilizer for root stimulation when planting
- Royce to make a board to run along fence, to protect trees from salt
- Council to ask parents to join OLC community, to help keep it in good shape

Halloween Dance

ROYCE to book gym

Proceeds: last year it went to the Arts.

MOTION to assign funds to Outdoor Improvement. Amy 1st/Dee 2nd. MOTION PASSES

MOTION to assign \$600 on expenses for the dance. Amy 1st/Royce 2nd. MOTION PASSES

TRISHA collecting forms, money and doing up the ticket envelopes for the dance. She will let **JEN** know the numbers to order pizza.

Sadhana at the door.

Andrew/Daniel on music.

JEN to buy drinks & chips.

ALI to buy ice.

Everyone to let Jen know what shifts they can work.

Auction Fundraiser

ROYCE to take the lead this year. We need parents to collect donated items as well as Council members. Last year this event raised \$2200 for Outdoor Improvement Fund.

Communication: **DEE** to create a communication plan for each Council event

Books

- INDIGO Love of Reading: We need to apply in March, but there is another one in November. We'll discuss it at the November 6 School Council Meeting.
- Scholastic: this month BCPS ordered \$50 worth of Scholastic books, which earned the school over \$150

Rainy Day Games

Purpose is to give students something to do other than screen. Games must be about 20 mins to play. Primary classes already have non-tech activities so the target is grades 4,5,6. Examples include cards, puzzles, etc.

- **Christy** and **Dee** to provide Girl Guide boxes to hold games, rather than buy plastic bins, by early next week.
- We will add Rainy Day Games to the online auction

- We will ask parents to donate games and puzzles (with all pieces)

MOTION to give \$350 to teachers, to spend \$50 per bin for the seven classes. Amy 1st/ Christy 2nd.
MOTION PASSES.

Janice (former Council member) has access to an ECE catalogue for a warehouse on Montreal Rd.

DEE to contact her for Kinder and backyard scoops/skipping ropes/Skip-Its.

Outdoor Improvement

Amy asked for information on why nothing has been done to improve the school grounds.

- The Kinder structure was removed by the City because it had expired, but the replacement falls on school fundraising. Agreement that we do not want a structure. We want open play.
- Board has ONE landscaper. He is busy!
- Shawn and Dave have a copy of the plan. Royce said we need to see it.
- Agreement that we need to find a professional grant writer, ideally a volunteer

Royce recommended council members attend the School Council Training Day on **Sat Nov 9**.

All parents are welcome. https://ocdsb.ca/parent_services/parent_conference

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm