

School Council – Mary Wright PS

Meeting Date: November 4, 2024 – 6 pm

Meeting Location: Library

Agenda

Present: Darrant Banton, Karen Bice, James Coles, Jason Furness, Jill Graham, Russell Kenney, Rebecca Kruk (Online), Nicole McCullough, Marek Miskiewicz, Sarah Periard, Allan Self.

Minutes by: Allan Self

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Review & approval of October meeting minutes

1st – Jill, 2nd – James. Passed

1.2 Review & approval of Mary Wright School Council By-laws

Concerns were raised that the previous by-laws had not been distributed making council members unable to do a side by side with new by-laws. It was agreed to defer the vote on the new by-laws to the Dec 2 meeting.

By end of day Nov 5 an email will go out to all council members with three attachments: 1) The old by-laws, 2) The proposed new by-laws, 3) The TVDSB policy and procedure document for school councils. Any suggested amendments need to be sent to the co-chairs by Nov 11. If necessary a subcommittee will be struck to make any possible amendments so that a copy of the by-laws can be distributed and voted on at Dec 2 meeting.

1.3 Fundraising updates

1.3.1 Parent member updates

Discount Cards

Due to extenuating circumstances, Kirby has needed to step back from her involvement with council, specifically the discount cards. It was decided by council that due to the tight timeline in getting the discount cards ready for sale (mid-November sales to be finished by end of November to have printing in December) this fundraiser would be postponed for this year.

For reference in the future, the following businesses expressed interest: Stacked Pancakes, Green Bee Floral, Harmony in Colour, Clocktower, Cookie Bar, Rusty Wrench, Wild Soul Yoga. A few other businesses to consider as likely but not asked: Strathroy Sports, Into the Woods, Domino's, Forest of Flowers.

Alternate Options

Council agreed to start with two alternate fundraising options.

First, between now and Christmas we will sell \$10 Domino's Discount cards. They are purchased for \$1, providing \$9 profit per card. Proceeds will go toward outdoor education equipment. Jill and Karen agreed to work together on this.

Second, in the new year we will sell bags of popcorn on Friday's (akin to Freezie Fridays) from Jan-March. Bags are sold for \$2 and purchased for \$1. Proceeds will go toward outdoor education equipment. Bryanna and Rebecca to take the lead on this.

Motion - School council will pursue fundraising initiatives such as Ricco Popcorn and Domino's Coupon Card in support of the kindergarten outdoor ed program. Passed.

1.3.2 Principal updates

Last year's Fundraising

- Hot lunches - \$12,320 to support field trips subsidize
- Krispy Kreme \$2,622 Grade 8 grad and grade 8 field trip
- Swiss Chalet/Harvey's & Huron Ridge 878.84 Grade 8
- Little Caesars \$1027 Grade 8
- JW Sweid (Elmira Chicken) \$671 Grade 8
- Make it sow \$716.23 Grade 8

This year's Fundraising plan

- Hot lunches – ongoing Oct to may (Field trips, performing arts of Lion King)
- Krispy Kreme – Feb 2025 Grade 8
- Swiss Chalet/Harvey's – ongoing sept to June Grade 8
- Little Caesars Oct 10-25 – Grade 8
- Huron Ridge Christmas Oct 28-Nov 11 - Grade 8
- Elmira Chicken TBD – Grade 8
- Freezies – Grade 7 field trip
- Dances – Grade 8

Possible fundraising opportunities later this year:

- Track and Field Day snacks, lunch, BBQ.
- Inquiring about offering a food/drink table at the Regional Track and Field Days at SDCI.
- Mr. Amish Pepperets
- Ricco tarts

2.0 Principal's Report

Given the timing of the meeting, 2.1 and 2.2 are going to be moved to next meeting.

2.1 School Improvement & Equity Planning

2.1.1 October 11 PD Day

2.1.2 Next Steps

2.2 School Budget

2.3 Safe and Inclusive School Plans

A parent volunteer is needed to sit on the safe schools committee

2.4 Brave Education

Brave Education – Info session at night was very well done but had very low attendance. They did a great job between conflict and bullying to help students learn the difference. Jason shared he’s seen a positive difference in the yard. This has given the school common language to navigate conflicts and kids are really responding well to it.

3.0 Other Business

Holiday dinner on Dec 19. Volunteers needed to help with serving, especially between 11:15am-1:30pm



Minutes Approved On: _____ (Date) Chair’s Signature: _____

Next MW School Council meeting will be held on: Monday, December 2, 2024 (6pm)