

Annie L. Gaetz School Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022



In Attendance - Larry Hartel, Janelle Spady, Josie Jackson, Kendra Telesford, Danielle Woods, Leah Mullen, Cathay Peacocke, Tania Smith, Erin Quintilio, Amy Kuziak, Kelly Martinez

Call meeting to order: 6:08 pm

approve the agenda: Tania Smith

Tania makes a motion that we accept the November 2021 minutes.

Teacher Presentation

- Grade 2 and 3 teams

Kendra:

- Haley and Terri to come in to speak about Inuit Cultural items
- Looking forward and hopeful for field trips in the future
- Sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing soon

Kelly:

- Wishlist:
 - Increase classroom library - Level books A-H - unsure on price of books
 - Flair pens - \$15/package - would like a couple packages

Leah:

- Postponed upcoming field trip to the museum
- Inuit Cultural field trip hopefully soon
- Hearing and Sound for Gr 3, Magnets for Gr 2

Amy:

- Started new fiction writing unit - kids love it!
- Snowshoeing next week, skiing soon
- Hopeful for field trip before the end of the year
- Assembly this week!

- Wishlist: Books for classroom - have a list they would like to replace
 - Has a list with pricing, duplicate for both Leah and Amy's classrooms
 - Wishlist amount: \$700 per classroom - Leah to share with Josie

School Board trustee Cathy Peacocke

- Recognizes work of staff in these challenging weeks - Thank you to the staff for going above and beyond!
- Delayed regular board meeting to give superintendent time to deal with any issues
- If a school goes online, the superintendent has to approve
- Staffing uncertainty with covid - using as many substitute teachers as they can - admin and central office staff have been stepping into classrooms as well
- City Wide Meeting - ventilation in schools - thought to be in good shape
 - Change to be made in infirmaries - to be changed - negative air system so it stays in the room
- Board met with Adriana LeGrange, Jason Stephan - discussed covid impact and recovery
 - Need cross ministry of support - mental health support for staff and students
 - Providing social services supports
- Regular board meeting scheduled for next week
- Any questions? No

Book Fair?

Tania: If we could have done a book fair we could pay for all of the books for Leah & Amy

Leah: Huxley's school had a book fair - no parents allowed in, but kids could bring money

Danielle: Could we do a book fair?

Larry: Dawn has been on extended leave - not sure if/when she will be back

- Will see if he can get some info from her - possibly do it online in the spring
- Danielle emailed Scholastic to see about the book fair

Chair Report

- Wish list items
 - PE: Dodge balls (foam), utility balls (for 4 Square) - \$200 (10 or 15 of each)
 - Would like 2 more sets of curling - we have 2 sets - very expensive - \$600/set - Larry will borrow from another school
 - Ski boots - Carla put together a list and sent it - \$5000
 - Music: Carpet - \$559.75 - VERY important :)
 - Music stands - \$4047 with shipping and gst
 - Art - Pastels, fine tip markers, water colors - \$2500
 - Mrs Grainger/Mrs Milne - FNMI Novels - Raven Tales - \$300

- Tumble Books, Tumble Math - \$3000 3 yr commitment - \$1400 per year - would benefit a lot of kids
- Leah used Tumble Books and the kids loved it

Larry sent out list

- Grade 5 farewell (food truck) - Josie asks if Larry has anything booked
 - Larry: Gr 5 teachers would like to go back to going for a picnic down to the park if possible with covid
 - Mrs Vockeroth and Mr Wirtanen loved the food truck last year!
 - Baby Cakes cupcakes served in individual containers was SO awesome
 - Last year we purchased 200-300 special, limited edition cups - kids didn't like hat pins, loved the cups last year
 - Yes to food truck again - Danielle to talk to Queen Bees
- Big Box of Cards - Josie
- Mundare Meats - Tania
- Josie asks if we can use Casino funds for Wish List
 - Tania - not sure gym related items will work
 - We have \$13,000 - \$14,000 to spend
 - Tumble Books Subscription could go through Casino funds

Treasurer Report

- Tania - 4 deposits done
 - Not a lot of money coming in (the money that comes in covers expenses) - if we can not spend regular account and spend casino account, that would be best
 - Can only be items that can just be used as a child - no to carpet, books, gym equipment
 - Can use regular account for books

Principal Report

- Handbook procedures
 - Not a lot of changes for January - mask restrictions tightened up a bit
 - Shared details with teachers about new air filters in the school - air exchange moving through classrooms is amazing
- COVID questions - none
- Deanne
 - Mrs Good had surgery scheduled - was told it was a go but got a call this morning that she needed to be off a week ahead of the surgery - she left today
 - Won't be back for 7 weeks - sub to come in and cover Larry and Deanne's teaching - Larry covering admin during this time
- Absences
 - Some staff off - haven't had trouble with getting subs

- 5 or 6 teachers off would start to become difficult
 - Up and down with student absences - not nearly as high as other schools
 - Reminder that 50% is the line on a classroom - 10 days
- Mental Health lessons
 - Teachers doing lessons in the classroom - had them wrapped up before Christmas
 - Mr Wirtanen loved working through the lessons with the students
- Questions?
 - Danielle: Will you give a classroom a heads up if a class will need to go online?
 - Larry: Chad Erikson - First class that this happens to will be the guinea pig - will have to see when it happens
 - Notice will be very short, but teachers are amazing at making this transition now that we've experienced it

Committees

Hot Lunch - Josie set up quite a few hot lunches

City Wide - Jessica is not here

Social

Fundraising

Casino -

Snack Shack - n/a

Any questions? No

New Business -

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

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In Attendance -

Josie called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm
Danielle approved the agenda.

Fundraising

- Mundane Meats
- Big Box of Cards

Correspondence

New Business

- **Approve teacher incentives**
 - Books for Kelly and Kendra - Amy will forward price to Josie/Tania
 - Will approve at a later date
 - Amy and Leah
 - To approve \$1500 for new classroom books - Janelle makes a motion, Danielle seconds - 4 votes for yes!
 - To approve \$45 for Flair Pens - Danielle makes a motion, Tania seconds it - 4 votes for yes!
 - PE: To approve \$6200 for Dodge balls, utility balls, ski boots - Danielle makes a motion, Tania seconds - 4 votes for yes!
- Tania to look up if Tumble Books Subscription to see if it can be used through Casino Fund
 - No other items can be put through the casino fund, but Tania to look into
- Tania: We need to figure out fundraising - once the casino fund is gone, that's it
 - Larry: his granddaughter's school sent home a note about giving support for Parent Association because they can't do fundraising
 - Would be put through an account then transferred to parent council
 - Larry will call school and ask permission to connect about this
 - Danielle: write a list of items the money is used for in the school

Next Meeting: Feb 15 @ 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm