School Council Meeting September 2022

Attendance: L. Fleming, M. Hart, K. McNabb, S. Reinhart, L. Turner, C. Heatherington, S. Khan, Z. Shahbaz, K. Chaudhry, S. Singh, L. Andary, M. Jones, C. Pizzey, E. Heavin

Welcome/Chair Report (Mark Jones)

- Welcome to our sixth year at DCE.
- We will have approximately four meeting throughout the year. Please feel free to bring agenda items to Cam's attention.
- We hope to see more parents at future meetings

School Report (Cam Pizzey)

- We have our highest enrolment ever (454). This had made our Grade 5 classes quite large. However, for 2 hours each day, an additional teacher and EA are available for LA and Math instruction.
- Our Annual Results Report was positive. We have largely maintained high levels of satisfaction in all outcomes. We did notice a dip in the level of satisfaction of parent involvement through the pandemic. We are anticipating improvement now that we are able to have a more activities happening.
- The Christmas concert is back. Save the date: December 13, 2022.
- Flex has also returned. Once a week all students will get an hour of STEAM activities (cooking, drama, art, coding, robotics, film making)
- Athletics has started and will occur throughout the year (Dawe Run, Rugby, Basketball, Run Club)
- The Grade 5 overnight camp will occur in June and more information will be sent home in January.
- There is a new curriculum for k-3 teacher in LA and Math. Also, a new phonics program is being implemented. In addition, learning loss funding has been sustained. Support for grade 2 and 3 will start right away. Other grades will begin in January.
- Swimming is still being considered. It is currently offered for grades 2-4. The lessons cost parents \$40. However the bussing costs are significant (\$3 000).
- The tipi is up. Classes have been using it. We have an Elder coming in to share some teaching surrounding the tipi on September 29th.

New Business

- Elections
 - Chairperson. Mark Jones let his name stand. It was not opposed.
 - Treasurer. Dayna Wolfe let her name stand. It was not opposed.
- Meeting Dates.
 - October 27
 - January 18
 - March 23
 - May 25
- Consider doing a grade 5 class picture

Adjournment @ 7:40

Parents of Don Campbell

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Elections.

- As above

Treasurer Report

- Opening balance was ~\$14 500
- Expenses of ~\$13 000, included raffle expenses, staff appreciations, parfait day, donation to other council
- Raffle fundraiser raised ~\$16 000 and hot lunches ~\$3 400
- Closing balance was ~\$27 800

Hot Lunch

- The first one is tomorrow. Over 300 lunches (our largest order so far).
- There is a core group of volunteers, but more are needed.
- It was mentioned that they seem quite expensive. Would there be interest in a volunteer-run hot lunch (such as hot dog day). It was suggested that more kid friendly options would be valuable.

New Business

- <u>Raffle</u>. We will do this again. Draws at the Christmas concert. Motion to do the raffle by L. Fleming, seconded by L. Andry. Carried
- <u>Wish List.</u> The school is asking for \$10 950. Motioned by L. Turner, seconded by D. Buckland. Carried
 - Student field trips (\$10/student): \$4 500
 - Staff Wellness: \$1 000
 - Classroom fund (\$10/student): \$4 500
 - Theater Performance: \$950
- Future Costs
 - We will look for an artist in residence option for students
 - Bussing for swimming and bringing students to the school to experience the tipi.
- <u>Audit.</u> Cost of \$100. Motioned by Heatherington, seconded by S. Reinhart. Carried.

Adjourned @ 8:07