

Ochre Park School Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Amanda, Mr. Anhorn, Trustee Pequin, Hinke, Mrs. Geleta, Ms. Goertzen, Lacey, Rikki, Laurie

1. Meeting Called to order at 6:39 pm

2. Old Business

- a. Lacey motioned to approve November 2021 minutes. Hinke seconded. **CARRIED**. Hinke motioned that the Jan 2022 agenda be approved as presented. Lacey seconded. **CARRIED**.
- b. School Pictures update: Laurie presented that Lifetouch was to be in contact with the school to arrange spring photos. Their contract expires June 30, 2022. Currently in the process of arranging a meeting with Smart Photography to get 2022/23 contract signed.
- c. Parent Council Fundraising Flyer –
 - i. Reminders: ongoing bottle drive, need to advertise it more on social media
 - ii. Future Fundraisers: Purdy's fundraiser to start February in order to have in time for Easter

3. New Business

- a. School Wish list- updates
 - i. Playground, Mr. Anhorn advised the spider web structure needs repair and is looking for someone to repair and ensure it meets standards.
- b. Fundraising: Amanda made the motion to continue with the Purdy's fundraiser again this year as the return is great and is a popular fundraiser. Start date: Mid – February. Rikki seconded. **CARRIED**.
- c. Outdoor Classroom: discussed asking local garden centers for donations and researching if there is a seed grant.
- d. School activities: Valentine's Day: will see if Tim Hortons will donate cookies. If not, Laurie volunteered to bring cookies in for students.
Skating is a go. Cost is \$8 per trip including bus. Rikki Motioned that the Parent Society will contribute up to \$1500 to help cover cost. Amanda seconded. **CARRIED**.
- e. Spring Dance-Amanda motioned to table for next year due to covid, no dancing (close contact) allowed. Lacey seconded. **CARRIED**.
- f. School Supplies Kits: will send out online school supply order options once the lists for next year are completed, May/June.
- g. Future Meetings: Amanda Motioned to keep future school council meetings virtual. Rikki seconded. **CARRIED**.

Reports

- Parent Society: Hinke presented financial report. Amanda Motioned to approve financial report. Rikki seconded. **CARRIED**.
- Room Reps: no report.

- Trustee: Trustee Pequin reported that the ventilation system cannot be updated to what is recommended by the Government covid team due to an older boiler system. They are looking at portable or in roof systems for older buildings. She also reported that the Parent Council and Society are covered under the division's insurance policy.
- Teacher Report: Mrs. Goertzen reported that the students are very excited to use the snowshoes but no opportunity has presented itself due to poor weather. They are also looking forward to skating. Other than that, staff and students are carrying on as usual.
- Principal Report: Mr. Anhorn reported that a few staff and students are out with covid. Some confusion in regards to mandates but through it all, we will manage. If students are out of school short term, work will be sent home with them. If there are long term, high numbers of absences, it will be looked at case by case, then the Division will make a decision regarding learning continuation. There is a shortage of substitute teachers and EA's due to staff illness/ isolation time. Mrs. Alison Clement is back in the kindergarten class for a few months and Mrs. Hoetmer has begun her maternity leave. Ms. Marina Shenfield is her substitute. Old snowshoes to be donated to a community group like HYPE. 800 program starts next week for kindergarten and pre-K. The community room was cleaned out for their use.

Next meeting: February 28, 2022

Adjourned at 7:56 pm.

ADDENDUM: January 27, 2022 via email

Amanda made a motion to use the remaining gift cards from last year's fundraiser as an incentive for the Purdy's fundraiser. Top seller will receive \$100 (BP's, Cineplex and Indigo), 2nd Seller: \$50 (Best Buy and Tim Hortons) . Rikki seconded. **CARRIED.**