

Ochre Park School Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Amanda, Mr. Anhorn, Trustee Pequin, Hinke, Lacey, Rikki, Laurie, Amber, Veronica, Mrs. Wytrykush, Brandi of Smart Photography, Barb and Jason of Lifetouch Photography

1. Meeting Called to order at 6:34 pm

2. Old Business

- a. Lacey motioned to approve January 2022 minutes. Hinke seconded. **CARRIED**. Laurie motioned that the March 2022 agenda be approved as presented with only change to have photographers present first due to time constraints. Rikki seconded. **CARRIED**.

SMART PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION:

- Key points-** green screen is used which gives approximately 250 background options
- two pose minimum and photographer will tweak poses, hair, glasses glare etc, not just one click and done
 - can edit blemishes, glasses glare at time of ordering as well
 - group/class/sibling photos all available as well as composite alternatives
 - ship to school or ship to home
 - memory book available as an alternative to yearbooks, only \$7-\$12 cost compared to \$20+, quick turnaround, no minimum order required, better for elementary age groups
 - Powerschool compatible for admin use
 - user friendly website, can order gifts like mugs and calendars as well as portraits, something for every budget
 - family discounts available for 3 or more siblings even at Redwater School if they have a Smart contract as well

Brandi left the meeting at 6:50pm

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION:

- Key Points-** restructuring, Jason is now the regional rep for the area
- Tough two years due to covid
 - Covid caused a lack of personality, they heard many concerns from parents and will address them, like quality and glare concerns
 - Going back to two poses instead of one
 - They have X1 technology for background choices so there is no "greenscreen haircut"
 - Powerschool compatibility for admin use including awards and certificates

- When asked why class composites were not done the past two years even though they were promised, advised that it was too much work to do composites and editing for every school so they chose which schools got the composites

Barb and Jason left the meeting at 7:05pm.

Amanda put forward a motion to include memory books in the new Smart Photography contract. (Decision at switch to Smart was made at the November Meeting). Rikki seconded.

CARRIED.

2. Old Business (Continued)

- b. Fundraising flyer- will print a paper copy to distribute in May, reminders: no change in bottle drive, will get on social media to promote
- b. Purdy's update- going well, above last year's numbers, only 5 boxes of dark left of 33 cases, 15 more milk cases ordered

3. New Business

- a. Smart Photography Presentation (noted above)
- b. Spring Photos- set for May 17 and 18, will include kindergarten grad on both days, sibling photos and class photos to be done at this time as well
- c. School Wishlist-
 - i. Spiderweb structure inspected and requires a bolt replacement (company specific bolt) and a certified inspector needs to repair any playground equipment issues.
 - ii. Parent teacher interviews will be in person this year
 - iii. Parent council/society support requested for field trip cost supplements, staff supper during parent-teacher interviews, playground inspection and repairs.

Trustee Pequin suggested to bring up playground issues to the division as many Schools have similar issues. She also suggested a blanket motion to fund field trips at a set dollar amount per student as that was done in the past.

- d. Fundraising- done for the year, both fundraisers have been very successful
- e. Outdoor classroom- will approach greenhouses for plant donations, etc
- f. St. Patrick's day is low key at school, no support required. Tim Hortons Thank you posters due in April
- g. Renaming of Parent Council and Society to be more inclusive, will table it for now and put forth a motion at next meeting

Reports

- Parent Society: Hinke presented financial report.
- Room Reps: no report.
- Trustee: Trustee Pequin reported that Shawna Walter is the new Superintendent of Schools. 2022/2023 calendar "C" approved (August 31 start date, September 30 will be a board declared holiday, Xmas break starts Dec 23 and back Jan 9). Budget funding manuals will released in March,

- Teacher Report: Mrs. Wytrykush reported on the success of Pink Shirt day, a physical literacy day is in the works as well as more in person activities like volunteer tea, in person book fair, outdoor classroom etc
- Principal Report: Mr. Anhorn reported Miss Tricia is on leave still and we are short subs division wide. The Feb 15 kinder and pre-K open houses went well and kinder registration opened today. Staff are in the process of reviewing and editing their school supply lists. The "Our school" survey for grade four has now gone out. The 100th day of school was Feb 17, was a fun day for students as they dressed up like they were 100 years old. Teachers are currently testing reading levels for students and PT interviews will be in person this year on March 22 and 23.

Amanda made a motion to amend the March 21 meeting to 6:30 pm from 7pm. Lacey 2nd. **CARRIED.**

Next meeting: March 21, 2022

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.