

## Dufferin Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:30pm on Teams

**Present:** Gord McCreary, Andrea Smith, Alanna Haughton, Daniel Pickersgill, Lauren McDonald, Monika Van't Spyker, Farzana Kausar, Erica Lapage, Rachael Kruger, Catherine Hébert, Saina Tokedon, Brittany Cole, Becky Holmes

**Regrets:** Stephanie Morris, Carling Mitchell, Mike Long, Natalie Walker

**Land Acknowledgement:** *Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples who reside within Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.*

### Principal Report: Andrea Smith

- Fall sports are continuing;
  - Cross country meet today – intermediate boys and girls placed second overall
  - Soccer tournaments (co-ed junior and intermediate) with the tournament next week
  - volleyball will be the next sport
- Clubs – chess and ukulele (beginner and experienced) are underway;
- Mural Project – community representation on the walking bridge organized by Mme. Coretti;
- Snack Program – October 20<sup>th</sup> is Crunch Day (apples for all!) with a fundraising endeavour for school Cash Online (asking for about \$1-\$2 each);
- Bus Evacuation next week – bus patrollers support the safe procedures of bus evacuation;
- Trips – Brantwood Farms and the Safety Village are in the works for primary;
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – School Photo Retake Day;
- Dufferin shared in their first school-wide assembly – Learn, Lead, Inspire (certificates and bulletin board to recognize students);
- School-wide BINGO on Teams continues – working on numbers in French as a school (which is a fun challenge because math instruction is in English);
- Staff Learning - PA Day on Friday
  - Learning on human trafficking, grooming, and targeting – how to watch for these signs and support students;
  - Equity and Inclusion with a focus on special education – accessibility to curriculum;
  - School data collection for the School Improvement Plan (mathematics instruction and divisional group planning);
- Instructional strategies and intervention offered to primary educators next week with the Right to Read document to help guide (Dufferin will be moving forward in using the French Consultant to link French language/reading instruction);
- November – Dufferin will participate in student census with Grade 4-8
  - designed by the Safe and Inclusive Schools Department;
  - it will ask how students feel safe, representation of self, representation of marginalized students, etc.

- consent forms will be coming home soon;
  - the data is important to guide the school planning and ensures student voices are heard;
- Progress Reports will be coming home the first week of November;
  - Parent Teacher Interviews will be the following week, along with an in-person Book Fair
- School-wide fundraiser with Purdy's Chocolate – direct ordering from website, sorting and pick-up to happen at school
  - Gord: Is this fundraiser for a specific cause?
  - Andrea: Bursary for trips, rejuvenating the LLC/Makerspace (board grant will require funds to be raised in order to qualify)
- Grade 7/8 Fundraiser will be an individual chocolate bar sale – Lamontagne Chocolate (Lansdowne will be doing the same fundraiser)
- School yoga follow-up from last meeting
  - Andrea: Is Bhava Tree still running? **Action:** Monika to inquire
- CPIP Grant is due in November 21<sup>st</sup> – schools are asked to put in a proposal for a facility upgrade/extras, put in \$10,000, the board puts in \$10,000 and then you move forward
  - Talked about the stereo system and the projector as our main focus project
  - Andrea has looked into quotes (FM Audio) however we'd like to have around 3 quotes to compare;
    - Stereo system quote (installation and equipment): \$14,170.19
    - Projection System Quote (installation and equipment, rear projector mounting and screen): \$36, 883.19
  - Suggestion: try a quote with Long & McQuade
  - **Action:** Andrea to work to generate a few more quotes
  - Kindershed is also in the works (estimated at about \$10,000)
  - Proposing having both the projection sound system and kindergarten shed together for the CPIP Grant
- Gord: Motion for the application for the CPIP Grant to have the PA System (quoted at \$14, 170.19) and Kindershed (estimated cost \$10,000) included, seconded by Monika, virtual vote with 4 voting members in favour;
- Open floor discussion in understanding the combined projects, new motion proposed;
- **Motion** to submit the CPIP Grant application to include the PA system with the current quote of \$14,170.19 and the kindershed, with an estimated cost of \$10,000, with the option to consider either/or if total funds are not available, Monika seconded, **motion passed** with 9 votes
- Andrea: Pizza Days
  - There is a ton of extra (8 full pizzas today)
  - Did cross country today contribute to this? Are we ordering too much?
  - What is the process for when there are students away due to illness or sporting events?
  - Sports – we can save it for the students
  - Individual absences – it is too challenging to save the pizza? Could we create a disclaimer that it automatically goes to a sibling? Or is donated?
  - Staff requires a policy and procedure for if this happens in the future
  - Mme. Smith has received a request for a refund, Monika has suggested that we offer pizza at the next pizza day and moving forward, provide pizza for students who are at a tournament

- Conclusion – if able, we will deliver pizza to sporting events if they coincide with pizza day (parent spectator and/or when the students return from the sporting event if it aligns with the school day). For individual absences, unless parents call with specific instructions, the pizza will be donated.

### Financial Report

- Balance as of September 30, 2022: \$9178.36 (the \$10 per student has not be transferred out, typically we wait until there is a request)
  - Meet the Staff Night: Profit of \$216.05
- Yuk Yuk's/Lottery Fund: \$13.22

### Teacher Report: Alanna Haughton

- Softball update from Mr. Z – three teams participated and all did very well!
- Mr. Z is continuing to look for jerseys, will sell off the jerseys from previous decades and then we'll start looking at samples for new jerseys;
- Space set-up for technology to accompany the Mathematics and Science and Technology curriculum;
  - Library – building bins, primary driven
  - Tech Room – junior, intermediate driven with a focus on robotics and coding
  - Mme. Haughton and Mme. Simmonds have taken the lead in creating challenges and encouraging the tech talk to continue
- Lauren inquired about the previous motion for jerseys (prior to Covid);
  - Advised to wait on the quotes from Mr. Z and move forward as we see fit ;
- World Teacher Day – October 5<sup>th</sup> – huge surprise to have coffee and treats, well-received, thank you from the educators at Dufferin!

### Fundraising Committee: Presented by Rachael

- Dominoes night: 42 pizzas purchased which provided a \$210.00 profit for the school
- Harveys – November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Johnny Greeko's school lunch – November 4<sup>th</sup> (on a week that doesn't have pita or pizza)
- Pointsettia fundraiser closer to Christmas

### Communication Committee

- No update

### Pizza Committee

- See above (notes within Principal Report)

### Social Committee

- No updates

## Open Floor

- Gord: Looking to expand the committee to help manage the Facebook Page
  - Guidelines to be clearly established, rules and regulations around the page, managing the access and who is invited on
  - Looking for support and/or for some to become an administrator
  - Monika offered to support
  - Anyone else interested, contact Gord
- Daniel: Where are we at with the buddy bench?
  - 4' bench was quoted at \$820 (May 11, 2022), the associated costs with concrete wasn't confirmed
  - Monika proposed that since we were discouraged from having the bench linked to the passing of Leona that it might not be a priority at this time
  - We'll continue to let the idea float
- Lauren: Curious on the safety and sanitization regarding the downstairs bathroom
  - Andrea: the custodian has increased the check-ins, security cameras in the hallways (not in the bathrooms) to support the investigation, all the teachers have a procedure in place whether it be a sign-out or visual (primary) to demonstrate that they're in the bathroom, students are encouraged to share anything out of the ordinary, always encourage appropriate bathroom behaviour
  - Pride of place grant – due November 21<sup>st</sup> – possibly used to upgrade to the current security cameras
- Andrea: Reminder to possibly purchase School Council Insurance (deadline extended) for events on school property (after hours)
  - Cost is \$155.00 + 8% tax
  - Gord made a motion to purchase the insurance, Rachael seconded, virtual vote: **motion passed**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm**

Teams link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a12rJ\\_PglD9DBI91zGpx1t7z\\_tetfDkELKmEPZpo1fKY1%40thread.tacv2/1665023526176?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f4e5b749-8fd9-48fe-b056-79815a973799%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2220414f00-1c94-4c72-84c1-f19bfdae0c14%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a12rJ_PglD9DBI91zGpx1t7z_tetfDkELKmEPZpo1fKY1%40thread.tacv2/1665023526176?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f4e5b749-8fd9-48fe-b056-79815a973799%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2220414f00-1c94-4c72-84c1-f19bfdae0c14%22%7d)