

Parent Council Zoom Meeting

May 3, 2021

Attendance on Zoom: Eile Short, Marlene Macklin, Jenny Frans, Brie Robson, Jessie MacIsaac, Bonnie Dermott, Carole Madsen, Jude Brown, Patrick Brown, Joanne Garratt, Charlotte Skanes, Michelle Munroe, Jaison Waldman, Mary Lou Hopson, Amanda Davidson, Tracey Constant, Deshe Moondhi, Johanne Douma

1. Brie motioned to approve the Minutes from February 1st, 2021
2. Amanda approved the motion

Brie welcomed Eile Short back to Ernest Cumberland in her new role as Principal.

Principal's Report:

- Good to be back at ECES
- By-laws discussion must be put on hold since Eile wasn't able to review it and get a handle on it yet
- Ms. Frans has worked hard at Spirit Days and the Mannequin challenge for students during March to build school spirit!
- Grade 8 grad will be a virtual ceremony and planning is underway
- But hoodies were ordered for all using Council money that we voted on
- Grade 8's are busy with digital memory book, and the process of nomination of students etc.
- Online Learning - some are struggling - if you know of any tell them to reach out to the school. There are some alternative methods like asynchronous learning
- Safety - gate reinstalled on Kiss and Ride side of the yard - gap might get closed in
- Health Unit came to walk through the school before they closed
 - They wanted increased signage, more floor arrows in bathrooms
 - They wanted teachers to wear their eye protection at all times
 - Asymptomatic testing is available to all staff at all times
- Spec Ed Teachers and EA's are all able to get the vaccine if they want. It will be rolled out for all staff who desire to get it.
- The school currently has about 10 special needs students plus the staff.
- The YMCA has about 30 + students of essential workers
- The June staff meeting will be for September planning, mostly building classes - still don't know if remote learning will be offered
- 1 more portable will be delivered in the Summer
- There is a permit for 1 extra portable if it will be needed
- Concerns from parents:
 - No dogs on yard - it was put in the newsletter
 - Handicapped parking should only be used by those who need it!

Fundraising:

Totals:

- **Charity - Terry Fox - \$1,427, \$516, Lion's Fund - \$1,571**
- **Kidney Clothes - \$192 with \$195.40 still coming for GSN**
- **Cookie Dough - \$2,385 - School Enhancements**
- **Big Box of Cards - \$2,344 (\$4,800 previous years)**
- **Raise the Dough - \$1,400 so far**
- **Pizza Coupon Books - \$240**

- Dominos Pizza has a new rep - Jack
 - Next Raise the Dough nights are **May 12th and June 9th**

Discussion:

How the Money has been spent this year (from Eile):

- GSN - field trip money - voted to purchase hoodies for grads
- Money held for library shelving - first they will remove old carpets, bookshelves, paint doors and windows, replace floors with vinyl and add a carpeted spot for reading - library renos completed after this!
- Sports - Eile purchased new equipment like foam soccer balls to replenish the lost supply!
- Arts workshops
- Kindergarten sandbox filled, yard tilled for play structure, with wood chips or sand. Will be done any time
- Forest of Reading
- Special Ed Money

Update:

The parent engagement money was used to put together "Discovery" kits that families can check out of the library to explore at home. Each kit was planned around a theme that is highly engaging and interesting for kids and also includes activities that families can do together. - (the vote was passed with 9 votes from Council members through email)

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. Godfrey/Mrs. Byl's classes have been doing pen pals with residents at Kingsmere. The kids gave paper "hugs" of their body outlines with arms open for a hug. The residents returned paper "hugs" of themselves in reply. They are on display in the front foyer.
- Mr. Marques/Mrs. Little's grade 6's been doing the DARE program with a police officer on Google Meets
- Mrs. Dore updated us on the Forest of Reading program that we voted to support:
 - We purchased all levels of reading K-8 and FI primary - physical books, often 2 copies of each
 - Blue Spruce K-2 picture books were read weekly by Mrs. Dore through a Meet so multiple classes could see the books, since no sharing was allowed - voting will be closed on Friday
 - Silver Birch - grades 3-6
 - Red Maple - grades 7-8
- Sora is a digital library that gives licenses for books that students can use
- By-laws will be evaluated and discussed with Brie and Jessie and the Principals before September to finalize voting numbers and to bring transparency and clarification for new parents before the first meeting as per Michelle's request.

Final Words:

- **Brie read a list of accomplishments that Parent Council contributed to the school over the last 10 years (Brie's time on Council). She made sure to explain that this year is not like how it usually is, and asked everyone to recruit new members and/or new volunteers**

for future fundraisers because it's so rewarding being involved and helping the school community.

- **Brie will be greatly missed and we all appreciate all her hard work over the last years!! She did tons and brought a lot of energy and joy to the staff, students and other parents, with tons of inclusivity.**
- **Thank you Brie!! You will be so missed!!**

- Brie motioned to adjourn her final meeting.

- Amanda seconded the motion.

Next Meeting:

Thurs. September 23rd, 2021, hopefully back in the library - Election Day

The next will be Mon. October 4th - First full Council Meeting