

Alma Public School Council Meeting

Date: September 11, 2019

Council Executive:

Amanda Snowe – Council Chair

Paula O'Donnell – Secretary

Betty-Sue Driedger – Treasurer

Andy Hill & Shannon Spike – School Principals

Angela Ackroyd & Meghan Woods – Fundraising Chairs

Crystal Schnarr & Amanda Reid & Betty-Sue Driedger – Snack Program

Council Members/Attendees:

Crystal Schnarr	Paula O'Donnell	Natalie Deschamps	Mandy Mulder
Betty-Sue Driedger	Andy Hill	Angela Massey	Punam Patel
Laura Freeman	Shannon Spike	Emily Huehn	Dhruvin Patel
Amanda Reid	Melissa Henderson	Vera Snowe	Shannon Smith
Amber Murray	Charlene Snyder	Pam Woodhouse	Chris Amy
Angela Ackroyd	Rob Bachuk	Abby Black	
Amanda Snowe	Jamilee Parker	Aleasha Grose	

Welcome (Andy Hill):

-welcome back

-introduced Shannon Spike (new principal)

-council executive elections

-nominations were opened 2 weeks ago

-voting has been open over the last 2 days

-any more nominations to add tonight? –no

-nominations are: -chair – Amanda Reid & Amanda Snowe

-secretary – Paula O'Donnell & Melissa Henderson

-treasurer – Betty-Sue Driedger

-vote took place; ballots tallied by Andy Hill & Aleasha Grose

-new council is: -chair – Amanda Snowe

-secretary – Paula O'Donnell

-treasurer – Betty-Sue Driedger

Principal's Report (Andy Hill):

-year is off to a great start; calm & happy, nice vibe

-no classroom re-organization needed

-Amanda Reid asked total number of students – 105 total

-Andy will be here full time until mid-October, then Shannon will be taking over

-Shannon proposed that we change the council meetings to the 1st Thursday of each month

-Laura seconded, voted – 14 in favour, 4 against – carried

-teachers will take turns coming to the council meetings:

-September & October – Rob

-November – Tanya

-January – Megan

-February – Keri

- April – Sherri
- May – Jen

Teacher's Report (Rob Bachuk):

- smooth start to the year; kids adjusting well to all classes
- Alma PS is an amazing school – definitely one of the top schools in the UG board ☺
- cross country is starting
 - need parent volunteers
 - Thursdays 1-2pm practices
 - there will be a meet later on
 - Laura to put on facebook page
- Terry Fox Run – Sep 26th at 2pm
 - all parents & families welcome
 - track at Wallace Cummings park
- Scientists in the School
 - council has paid part in the past (cost is \$10/student – council has paid half)
 - last year paid \$300 (not all classes participated)
 - motion to pay up to maximum of \$525 (half again, so student cost is \$5 each)
 - motion by Crystal, seconded by Amanda Reid, all in favour – carried
 - Mandy asked if anyone is left out that cannot pay the \$5 – absolutely not, school will pay

Treasurer's Report (Betty-Sue Driedger):

- account balances:
 - fundraising general \$13,478.33
 - milk \$1,638.59
 - pizza \$941.40
 - playground \$8753.58
 - snack \$1,586.56

Old Business:

- Family Fun Night
 - brought in \$3262
 - not counting Optimists food money
- Playground
 - phases are done!
 - climbing dome, kindergarten area, bus climber & outdoor musical equipment

New Business:

- Fundraising for this school year:
 - October – My Table/Santa Catalogue
 - November – Kitchen Kuttings
 - February – Elmira Poultry
 - May – Maple Syrup (Cassie Maple Products)
 - June – Family Fun Night
- we were only going to do the cookie dough and muffins from the My Table catalogue
 - Mandy asked why we don't do the whole catalogue
 - Andy said all fundraising is set in May, but since it's the same company we can change the flyers
 - Mandy motioned to add the whole catalogue, Amanda Reid seconded, all in favour – carried
 - decided on flyers going home Oct 1-16

- deadline is Oct 25th to have orders processed
- Angela to talk to Beth about adding whole catalogue
- Andy said we always need volunteers to help with fundraising, especially on delivery days
- November Kitchen Kuttings (cheese, fudge, jam, etc)
 - pick up will be at Jingle Mingle (December 17th)
 - Angela has suggested prices
 - Aleasha suggested we round the prices up to even numbers instead of change
 - Aleasha asked if we could add \$20 and \$30 baskets
 - Angela to inquire
 - order deadline will be December 2nd
 - orders will go home Nov 12-26
- will set dates for 2020 fundraisers at next meeting

- Meet the Teacher Night & Welcome Back BBQ – Sep 26th 5:30-7:00
 - Optimists truck is booked and will be ready to serve at 5:00
 - Amanda R said we had more money raised in June than the whole previous year combined – pre-orders definitely had a positive impact and we will use pre-orders again going forward
 - Amanda R gave form to Betty-Sue to go home this week – due back on 19th
 - Jeremy needs the pre-order forms a week before the BBQ
 - Optimists will donate all the food again, so 100% of the money goes back to the school
 - cheque coming to the school Oct 1st for June & September amounts
 - there will be an option to order that night if someone doesn't pre-order
 - Mandy mentioned that it didn't seem any quicker in June
 - only half of the food was pre-ordered
 - encourage more pre-orders this time
 - Amanda R suggested maybe running 2 lines this time
 - french fries slow it down, but we want to keep fries

- Optimists need volunteers to run the Halloween Night again this year
 - post on the school facebook page?
 - possibly a week early – on the PA day this year

- School Council Insurance
 - covers events that happen outside of school property and hours
 - we did purchase it last year
 - approximately \$150 for the year
 - Amanda Reid motioned to purchase again if price is similar, seconded by Aleasha, all in favour – Carried

- Classroom Reps
 - Kindergarten – Mrs. Morton – Melissa Henderson & Amanda Reid
 - Grade 1&2 - Mrs. McDougall – Paula O'Donnell
 - Grade 2&3 – Mrs. Scott – Crystal Schnarr
 - Grade 4&5 – Mr. Bachuk – Laura Freeman
 - Grade 5&6 – Mrs. Hons – Amanda Snowe

- Alma Optimists BBQ fundraiser for school – Sep 27th – need a few more volunteers

Committee Updates:

-Snack Program

- got budget today, have to take a look
- less funding that last year
- adding salad days to snack program instead of hot lunches
- snack program is for students that have finished their lunches and are still hungry
- has to meet nutritional criteria
- students must 'eat what their parents sent' first
- Pam asked if we're doing the Egg Farmers of Ontario again
 - we didn't this time; weren't sure of any student allergies
 - available 3 times a year, may do it next time
- Hot lunches
 - Amanda S & Crystal met and are planning the year
 - volunteers are welcome, especially on prep days (usually Tuesdays)
 - Oct 8th will be the first – egg sandwiches and apples
 - Oct 15th – salad
 - Oct 29th – hot dogs
 - other ideas are meatballs & veggies, soup & crackers
 - pre-orders will be 3 months at a time (same as pizza)
 - info sheet will be sent home & reminders on facebook page
 - payments will be School Cash Online
- Popcorn this year?
 - Crystal to ask Keri
- Snack program needs an apple cutter and salad spinner – donations welcome
- Requesting re-usable trays for hot lunches
 - cost is \$12 for 10 on amazon
 - Crystal – motion to purchase \$150, seconded by Amber, all in favour – carried
- Mandy asked about The Right Spot catering a lunch
 - Mandy is going to talk to Crystal about criteria and look into it
- Amanda R to check if we can use the Optimists hall again

-Gardening

- garden in front of school needs to be taken right back and re-started
- lower maintenance garden needed
- need volunteers – Pam, Amber, Mandy
- Mandy mentioned there are lots of local resources/landscapers/ect
- Rob said we need to have a site plan approved by the board
- need quotes, similar to playground process
- Amber said Landscape Ontario has grants for schools
- Amber to talk to Rob and see what next steps are

Next Meeting: Thursday October 3 @ 6:30