

Alma Public School Council Meeting

Date: October 3, 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	Mandy Mulder
Betty-Sue Driedger	Andy Hill	Angela Massey
Laura Freeman	Emily Huehn	Punam Patel
Vera Snowe	Shannon Smith	Abby Black
Amber Murray	Charlene Snyder	Aleasha Grose
Angela Ackroyd	Rob Bachuk	Amanda Snowe
Jamilee Parker		

Principal's Report (Andy Hill):

- Shannon Spike sends regrets that she can't be present
 - she continues to improve, insurance has changed her program
 - Andy will be here full time for another 3 weeks after this week, then Wednesdays until Christmas
- unfortunately we will not have a school day at the Guelph Storm game this year (no anthem singing) – they had Linda's email as the contact so we missed the deadline.
 - will still get discounted tickets and tickets for the Gotcha draws, just no anthem singing
- CUPE Strike – a lot of incorrect information going around the internet
 - please check the UGDSB app or website for up-to-date correct information
 - only effects the custodial staff and ESL teaching in our board
 - our school will stay open; Andy will assure it is still clean and safe for students
 - Laura asked if the students will be told on Monday; Andy replied that if there is a strike he will talk with the students and ask them to help out by keeping the school clean and tidy in Paul's absence

Teacher's Report (Rob Bachuk):

- successful start to the year
- pace is picking up and calendar is getting full
- county track meet coming up, soccer coming up
- Terry Fox Day was very successful
- Rob McKay from the Optimists came and did a Baseball Clinic with the students
 - Rob learned about new baseball equipment that would be great for our school
 - applying for a \$500 grant to get Invincibats and update our equipment
 - doing a stock check and reorganization of the gym equipment
- Pottery to Go coming up – already out on School Cash Online
- Wheelchair Basketball coming to the school for a week

- all students will have a chance to try it
- helps to teach empathy
- hoping for an education grant for Focus on Nature program
 - it's a multi discipline field trip that comes to our school
 - for the junior grades only
- Egg Farmers of Ontario are sponsoring a Rocks & Rings Curling program
 - will be for every class
 - will be in the gym all day
 - cost is \$215 + tax (and possibly a travel fee)
 - we have done it before and kids enjoyed it
 - Mandy – motion to cover full cost, Amber 2nd, all in favor, carried
- Linamar Bussing Fees for RiverRun programs
 - 2 shows per class (6 in total, \$200/bus)
 - in past council has paid first set of busses (3 - \$600), and students are charged for 2nd
 - Mandy – motion to pay first set of busses, and revisit funding in the new year to consider paying 2nd set of busses as well, Crystal 2nd, all in favor, carried
- the school cameras suck; they're very outdated, slow, 2.5 megapixels, small cards
 - students use cameras for year book, team pics, and field trips
 - Sheri (yearbook committee) is asking for a new school camera
 - Laura suggested we ask on the facebook page and maybe some could be donated
 - Laura will post on the facebook page

Treasurer's Report (Betty-Sue Driedger):

- account balances:
 - fundraising general \$13,796.80
 - general \$268.10
 - milk \$2,754.13
 - pizza \$2,265.40
 - playground \$8853.58
 - snack \$1,586.56
- playground account still has funds to come out – balance will be \$1,853.88
- milk account has \$216 to come out
- pizza account is \$120 every week
- nothing pending in fundraiser account
- snack program – Food Basics hasn't sent Sep statement yet
- Mandy asked about general account vs. Fundraising general account; the general account is where money is transferred to to make payments
- Mandy mentioned that other parents thing that all the money raised for fundraising goes to just the playground. We need to let parents know that council also pays for busses, field trips, programs, etc
 - Laura said we have posted it in the past as the year end fun night

Old Business:

- My Table fundraiser
 - forms went home Oct. 1st
 - pick up date will be Nov. 26th
 - Beth is trying to get the My Table orders delivered a couple days before so we can sort and be ready for the Santa's Helpers to arrive
 - Angela is waiting to hear what time the truck will come that day to know when we need volunteers to be here
 - we can organize the volunteers and pick up at our next meeting

- Meet the Teacher Night -went well
 - Alma Optimists presented a cheque for \$1545 from the food truck (June's family fun night and Sept teacher night)
- Dhruvin and Punam sold burgers at \$2.50 a piece on Sep. 30th with all proceeds going to the school. They also matched the \$100 proceeds themselves, and presented a cheque for \$200
- Alma Beef BBQ went well; thank you to volunteers
- School Council Insurance has been purchased
- no requests form classroom reps.
- Mandy is looking into hot lunch catering options
 - got nutritional info from Crystal and made contact with Angela from the board
 - received a list today of approved local restaurants (Booster Juice, Havey's, Swiss Chalet, Pita Pit)
 - asked about Subway (not on list but other schools use it)
 - mentioned that it's been done in the past
 - toppings were a nightmare – lots of errors and upset students/parents
 - Boston Pizza does other schools (lasagna, chicken fingers, alfredo pasta)
 - Tim at the Right Spot in very interested in working with us
 - Mandy has paperwork to take to him to get them approved by the board
 - keep it simple and cost effective
 - smaller portions than their normal menu
 - pancakes with fruit, omlet with toast, chicken Caesar wraps, burgers
 - suggested Tuesdays when there is no council lunch
 - would need to pre-order
 - Mandy is going to meet with Tim again and confirm price range and paperwork

New Business:

- Pumpkin Contest -Oct. 30th
 - need volunteers – Crystal, Laura, Amanda, Paula
 - Laura will get prizes
 - ask parents to send in battery tealights
 - Andy asked why 30th, not 31st? –in case students forget their pumpkins
 - judges – Andy, Betty-Sue and Paul
 - suggested maybe an Optimist member as a judge (if Paul on strike)
- Spaghetti Lunch -list will be coming out
 - will discuss at the November meeting
 - should we add a meat sauce? –no, kids don't seem to care and it's extra work

-there is a suggestion box in the office if anyone has suggestions they don't want to voice in person

Committee Updates:

- Snack Program
 - kids are hungry

- they don't like walmart granola bars
- meeting is Monday
- Amanda asked about eggs? – only 1 allergy in school, so may do in the spring
- popcorn has been ordered, will start next Wednesday
 - \$1 a bag, no tokens just cash

-Gardening

- Amber has called 7 landscapers
 - 2 are booked until mid-July
 - a few asked if they can call back when they're not as busy
 - rest haven't replied yet
 - will pick a night 1st week in November to have volunteers come in and weed
 - post on facebook that parents can come and take any plants they want
- recognized Laura Freeman for 6 years on council
- Laura motion to adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday November 7th @ 6:30