

Alma Public School Council Meeting

Date: February 6, 2020

Council Executive:

Amanda Snowe – Council Chair
Paula O'Donnell – Secretary
Betty-Sue Driedger – Treasurer
Shannon Spike – School Principals
Angela Ackroyd – Fundraising Chairs
Crystal Schnarr & Betty-Sue Driedger – Snack Program

Council Members/Attendees:

Paula O'Donnell	Amanda Snowe	Vera Snowe
Laura Freeman	Betty-Sue Driedger	Amanda Reid
Shannon Spike	Crystal Schnarr	Angela Ackroyd
Melissa Henderson	Angela Massey	

Principal's Report (Shannon Spike):

- Security Cameras – reiterating that they are not used for teacher reports, or spying on students. They can only be viewed under specific circumstances
 - Laura asked about adding one out back, Shannon to look into
- have been working on cleaning up the front display cabinets
 - will be getting cork backing and adjustable shelves to display student's work
- cleaning out snack/storage room
 - moved cabinets to VP room for paper storage
 - do we need the freezer that's in there?
 - no, ok to get rid of it
 - do we need the display fridge?
 - it leaks
 - no, ok to get rid of it
- parents need a reminder that there is no teacher supervision before 8:20am
 - some students are being dropped off as early as 8:00
 - Amanda to post a reminder on the FaceBook page
 - add to February newsletter
- there have been changes to the health curriculum – specifically strand D
 - all info is on the board website
 - 20 days before the teacher will discuss strand D a letter will go home to parents, and will need to be returned to the school if they want their children exempted from these discussions.
 - if a student is exempt, they will be for all of strand D, not specific topics only (too confusing)
 - will only be exempt from the planned lessons, if random conversation comes up in the class they will not be removed
- updated concussion protocol
 - passport is now sent home with every student when a concussion is suspected, and must come Back
 - if it comes back 'yes', need to be clear return to school instructions from a doctor
 - coaches need to sign off on an online module, as well as students and parents

- mandatory for all inter-school sports
- school's choice to do for intermural sports as well, Shannon to talk to staff and decide
- all students and teachers will watch an online module and sign off on it
- Paula asked if Linamar busses were already paid for (from cancelled field trips) – no
- asked if future Linamar trips are cancelled, if parents can take their own children to the performances since tickets are already paid for?
 - Shannon will look into if strike is still on in April before next trips
- Belwood Grade 6 camp
 - they are willing to hold the dates for us in the hopes that the strike will be over before then
 - looking into insurance
 - popcorn sales are still being done, if camp doesn't happen we'll use the money for classroom events

Teacher's Report (no teacher present):

- Megan Scott asked Paula to bring up a health/nutrition day she's planning
 - have applied and been approved for \$1000 grant
 - goal is to introduce students to new healthy food and physical activity they may not have been exposed to
 - centres in a one day rotation
 - Terri (Tiny Bites Nutrition) is on board to come out and help
 - maybe make a receipt book of meals students made in rotations to take home
 - suggested to contact Egg Farmers of Ontario and Ontario Bean Growers (Paula has both contacts)
 - Laura has contacts for Pork and Dairy – they will give us take-aways (erasers, bookmarks, etc)

Treasurer's Report (Betty-Sue Driedger):

- account balances:
 - fundraising general \$19,028.36
 - general \$16.35
 - milk \$0
 - pizza \$0
 - playground \$3,513.69
 - snack \$2,039.55
- paid in January – new Canon camera \$172.64, Scientists in School (grades 2 & 3) \$205.00
- potential upcoming expenses – 2 coding awbie games for Osmo \$158.08, River Run Field Trips April 2nd \$205, Grade 6 camp \$20/student previously, yearbook costs, Kindergarten welcome bags, Grade 6 farewell
- \$113 going into general account Monday (Bag 2 School)
- milk & pizza accounts to be closed
- RiverRun trip is booked but not yet paid (if it happens)
- Laura mentioned moving money from the fundraising account
 - want to wait for garden quotes so we know how much to keep out for that first
 - saving money for new playground equipment when it's needed
- motion to use bus money from first Linamar trips that didn't happen to pay for second card for atrium
 - 1st – Amanda R, 2nd – Angela A, all in favour, passed

Old Business:

- Bag 2 School fundraiser
 - plan to do 3 times a year

New Business:

- Family Fun Night
 - June 4th
 - optimist food truck booked
 - touch a truck is happening
 - Amanda to ask Dhru about ice cream tubs
 - have ice cream separate from food truck
 - ice cream tubs (3?), and cones, no toppings
 - requested to not have year end field trip on the same day this year (if there is a trip)

- Optimists Beef BBQ March 27th
 - need 10 volunteers
 - Amanda to post on FB page
 - ask Rob about dates for next year now – Sep & Mar every year if possible

- Elmira Poultry fundraiser
 - forms have gone home
 - pick up March 5th

- Maple Syrup fundraiser
 - want delivered before Mother's Day
 - want 250ml glass bottle, 500ml plastic jug, larger bottle if possible, shakers, candy
 - forms home early April (6th), 27th deadline, delivery May 4/5
 - suggested \$10-11 for 250ml (cost \$8)
 - suggested \$15-16 for 500ml (cost \$12.50)
 - we only pay for what we purchase
 - can set prices at next meeting
 - Angela to ask about larger size containers and candy

- Idea to do another fundraiser (outside of school) – a Sign Night by Reid Unique (Amanda)
 - money will be donated to the school
 - Optimists will likely donate the hall
 - \$10-15 per person will go back to the school
 - Amanda will donate her time to prep materials
 - cost will be the wood and vinyl only
 - a weeknight in April (6:30-9:30)
 - a few options – school picture sign, look what I made, welcome mat, spring
 - Amanda R will check hall availability

- PRO Grant
 - lump sum, which guest speakers at every event
 - not for individual schools anymore, by area instead
 - Amanda S joined the committee Centre Wellington – next mtg My 7th
 - speaker will be Sam Demma (empowerment day speaker)

- Laura mentioned Fresh Box Market does fundraisers
 - a lot of people in Alma are already purchasing boxes weekly

- 1 week is \$25, \$4 back to school
- 1 month is \$85, \$8 back to school
- 3 months is \$240, \$20 back to school
- 6 months is \$470, \$35 back to school
- student with the most sales gets a free month
- Laura to ask how delivery works
- Laura to ask if we could do it ongoing
- Shannon asked if we could profit share (council and school use)
- check to see if we can add a school fundraiser in

Committee Updates:

- Snack Program
 - live free campaign coming up March 6th
 - cereal mix in Tupperware containers
 - cereal and granola bar drive (instead of money drive)
 - class challenge?
 - would need specific list of items
 - hot lunch dates with strikes?
 - keep bumping the dates as we need to

Next Meeting: Thursday April 2nd, 2020