

Alma Public School Council Meeting

Date: January 16, 2020

Council Executive:

Amanda Snowe – Council Chair

Paula O'Donnell – Secretary

Betty-Sue Driedger – Treasurer

Andy Hill & Shannon Spike – School Principals

Angela Ackroyd – Fundraising Chairs

Crystal Schnarr & Betty-Sue Driedger – Snack Program

Council Members/Attendees:

Melissa Henderson, Shannon Spike, Amanda Snowe, Betty-Sue Driedger, Angela Massey

Crystal Schnarr, Angela Ackroyd, Laura Freeman

Principal's Report (Shannon Spike):

- Shannon is happy to be back

- Next week Shannon will be in Tuesday and Thursday (Jan 20 to the 24th)

-The week of the 27th Shannon will be in ½ days and the principles that will be covering the other half days will be John or Bruce

-Many parents are wondering why the school board is closing on strike days. The OSSTF, which is the administration staff, EA and ECE (in the kindergarten class) union. When these individuals are not in the classroom especially in larger school it becomes a safety issues for students. Even in our own school if the kindergarten class did not have an ECE there are too many students for just the teacher to supervisor.

-Also with Betty-Sue not monitoring the safe arrival to and from school it becomes another safety issues with the children. She is the one that follows up with the parents if they haven't called in saying that a student will be absent that day.

-Rotating strikes will continue next week (Jan 20) our school is not included at this time

-The board will post about strikes on social media as well as a letter will be sent home regarding strike days. We will send letters home to the oldest student and the only student to each family.

-There will be an increase in the price of pizza. A letter was sent home indicating the increase. Pizza has not increased in price for about 20 years. Sometimes pizza is in a deficit. If we have excess money, the money can be put into the students.

-Review of increasing the milk prices will be reviewed in Sept.

- Amanda and Shannon talked about getting the teachers to submit a budget of what they would like or need for the coming year. This would help council to decide what we can support that year.

-Shannon would like to make the atrium better by removing the bulking furniture and book selves.

-They are looking at purchasing rolling carts to replace the home reading book shelves that are currently located in the atrium. It can be very busy in the atrium. Looking at purchasing carts on wheels that they can bring into the classroom instead of every student going to the atrium. Each cart would cost about 285 plus shipping and HST. Mrs. Morton has a credit of 215.65. It was asked if council would fund the remaining balance as well as funding another entire cart

Therefore it would be approx. $644.10 - 215.65 = 428.45$ plus cost of shipping

Estimating about \$500

-Shannon stated that they would just get the one using the credit if we do not fund it

-Council decided to revisit next meeting.

Teacher's Report (No One Present):

-No one present for the teacher report.

Treasurer's Report (Betty-Sue Driedger):

-account balances: -fundraising general \$16,715.24

-general \$-383.65 (holding account this will be refunded)

-milk \$1784.72

-pizza \$1261.40

-playground \$3513.69

-snack \$2070.85

-Generous donor donated \$400 to the snack program

-Camera was purchased for \$170 so that still needs to come out. Mrs. Woodland is very happy with the camera. They now have 4 cameras (2 donated by Laura and Paula)

Paid Expenses Nov 1 To Dec 31, 2019

Contribution to the snack program \$200.00

Cook school Bus line Ltd (transportation for Gr 1,2 to attend Linamar Performance at River Run Oct 31, 2019) \$195.49

Cook school Bus line Ltd (transportation for Gr 3,4 to attend Linamar Performance at River Run Oct 31, 2019) 195.49

Scientist in School (JK/SK, GR 1,5,6 students) \$307.50 (3x105.50)

Rocks Solid Productions INC, Rocks and Rings Tournament \$288.15

Old Business:

Christmas Giving

-It went over really well.

-We took all the gifts to the sportsplex where it was all set up on tables so everyone could view what was donated. There is a huge need for donations in our community.

-We would like to do this again this year but we will try and pick families sooner. We would like to try to get a younger family so the children can relate more and be involved more with the gifts that are being purchased. As this year we had an older bunch of children we bought for.

-Shannon mentioned getting the staff more involved this year. It can be brought up at staff meetings and get more input from staff.

Bag2School:

-Laura received a tonne of clothing from Arthur Second hand store. They were doing major renovations so they gave us all their textiles.

-Discussions were made about going to other thrift stores in the area and asking what they do with damaged or stained clothing or items that don't sell. Would they be willing to donate to us. If we do this we would need to find a better place to store them as they are currently being stored at school in not the best location.

-As we grow in Orangeville will take items in bags and give you money for the items they would like to keep and sell. The items they don't want they won't give you back so maybe we could get those clothing.

-Last one we made about \$96. We were thinking about doing it a few more times as we could make between 200-400 dollars just from that.

-We will post on social media around Feb 1st for another one. We are thinking about doing it 3 times a year.

Fundraiser:

-Kitchen Kuttings were very pleased with our order

-We had \$3095.75 of orders giving us a profit of \$580.32

-Angela said pick up was fine. It was easy to sort. No issues expect for one item not being labelled properly.

-With the order forms from Kitchen Kuttings there was previous concerns about multiple orders forms being sent back from families. Only one family sent in multiple forms.

Spaghetti Lunch:

-Students loved the lunch. It went over very well as per usual. Multiples children came up for seconds, thirds and even fourths.

-We also had our first Father volunteer Matt

Jingle Mingle:

-Added the lights which were nice

-Went well and was a good length

-Everyone liked the end where the whole school came together to sing a few songs

New Business:

Teachers to create wishlist:

-Shannon wants teacher to make a wish list at the beginning of the year so that council knows what might be needed or wanted for the year. It was thought maybe council would be less hesitate to support items if they knew of a list ahead of time.

-We do have a request from Mrs. Morton

-We have an OSBO for coding in the library the age for this item is 5-12

-Mrs Morton would like a coding device that is geared for some younger ages.

-She is asking for a Cobetto device with 2 extensions kids. Each extension kit is \$49.00 each with the Cobetto device being \$255 plus tax

-She proposed this as we agreed to pay for a bus trip for the JK and SK children. The bus was going to be 195 for the kids but it has now been cancelled.

Purposed: Buying the 2 extension kits as there was no bus for the class and other classes can also use it.

Motioned by: Laura

Seconded by: Crystal

Motioned Carried.

Board Funding:

-School is given money from the board for the students (supply teachers, supplies , paper, tissue etc). We are under \$10,000 a year. We will be saving some of this to do some reno's to the office area upfront.

-School Generating funds is from fundraising-Gotchas comes out of it. Carts would also come from this.

-Shannon just stated the money in the school generating funds the teachers could come to her for items they needed instead of always going to council.

Fundraising:

Elmira Poultry

-Happening before March break

-Takes 14 days for it to be delivered

-Put it out Feb 4th. Due back by Feb 18th. Pick up would be March 4th which is before March Break

-Discussed about putting it online. Finance says no as they do not like that many items online. It would than make the families have to put all their orders into one order online. They did this for the Kitchen Kuttings and there wasn't an issues. It is more labour intensive for Betty-Sue in the office but she stated she did not mind.

-Decided to put it online but make paper available at a request by family.

Maple Sryup

-Pick up on family fun night but thinking too much at one time

-Concerned that people will already have maple syrup by April since Elmira Maple Syrup Festival is then. We will put a reminder out to all parents about the upcoming fundraiser

-Will discuss more about dated and pick up times at next meeting.

Family Fun Night

-June 4th

-Let's do something different get the kids involved more.

-Soft Serve Ice cream-discuss with optimist about their soft serve machine. Or we could get little individual ones or ask dru from the store to get big ones.

-No live auction maybe just stick with class baskets.

-Penny sale instead of silent auction. Where kids can buy a bunch of tickets and put them in items they would like instead of adult items.

-Touch a truck. Amanda will look into booking fire, ambulance, police, milk truck, tractor etc. Shannon will look into what equipment we are allowed to have at the school

-Get the optimist to do food booth as usual

-Open it to the community or new families coming into the school. Post on social media.

Money

-Shannon stated that 10 % of what we have needs to be moved to the playground account. They do not like to see that much money in the Fundraising General Account.

Some of the upcoming expenses

-The Farwell for the grade 6's cost about \$100

- Grade 6 trip \$20 (assuming per student)

-Welcome bags \$75

-Yearbook \$7 per student

Snack Program:

-We have started to make muffins which has been a hit with the kids. Anything new is usually a hit for a bit.

-Added cereal mix. Trying to find some new different stuff for the students.

-Live free is happening in March "toonies for Tummies". A letter needs to come home about this.

-Also we need to fundraise 20% of what we get for the snack program. You are able to donate through the cash online. So maybe add that to the letter that goes home with a little Tupperware container with cereal mix so the letter doesn't get lost. We have Tupperware containers already. We will count and see how many more we need. Laura will be able to donate more if needed.

-Haven't had much waste

-Eggs have arrived and they are peeled ready to use. Once open they are only good for 3 days. Not much wasted. Only taking what we think is needed. It is free.

-Hot lunches are doing well. Could use more volunteers to help out with prep. It's much better now that we are not doing it every week but every other week instead.

Meeting Adjourned by Amanda Snowe at 20:13.