**Drayton Heights Parent Council
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2021
7:00 pm
VIA: Google Meet**

Meeting was opened by Committee Co-Chair, Marieke Scholten.

**Past Minutes:**

* Amy Hennessy accepted the minutes as circulated and Betty Douglas seconded it.

VOTE CARRIED

**Principal Message: Shannon Spike**

* GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) is a group wanting to raise awareness in the school. Not just for Gay and Straight….but for everybody. Reminding students of how to treat each other, sexual orientation aside.
* Betty Hoffle inquired about lunchroom supervision. (Rumor from a student) Students are leaving their desks, walking around and socializing.
	+ Shannon will investigate this further and ensure there being more supervision.
* Shannon addressed the issues at hand. Mask Exemption and Drayton Heights Covid ‘outbreak’
	+ Shannon Spike reviewed the protocol for the mask exemption at Drayton Heights. It was perhaps not so public knowledge, as our school was trying not to promote such exemption. However, it does exist.
	+ Jamie Petznick informed parent council, he has been speaking with Matt McCutcheon who is the Superintendent of our school at the UGDSB. He has been corresponding regarding the mask exemption at Drayton Heights and will be planning to speak against this at the next Public Health meeting. Also has started a petition in his support.
	+ Shannon reviewed the Volunteering Rapid Testing option
	+ Parents expressed concerns regarding classroom closures and virtual learning for children not in a closed classroom, vaccinated students and ‘mask breaks’

**Teacher Update: Erika Walls**

* Erika Walls shared a slideshow from the Kindergarten team, thanking the Parent Council for the new outdoor play stations
* Reviewed the teacher wish list, as requested by council
* Reviewed the school clubs returning this fall/winter
* The atmosphere is has lifted, having all classes back to school. Staff are celebrating the upcoming holiday
* As we discussed the teacher wish list, we disscussed Fundraising
	+ Megan McDougall motion to move forward with fundraising and Betty Douglas seconded it.

VOTE CARRIED

* Marieke Scholten will work on this for early new year and we will set a pick a location TBD
* Megan McDougall motioned to go forward with the GSA funding and Romita Khindria seconded it.

VOTE CARRIED

* Amy Hennessy motioned to move forward with the teacher’s wishlist and Betty Douglas seconded it.

VOTE CARRIED

**Treasurer Report: Betty Douglas**

* Education Resources $1179.66
* General $2354.10
* Santa Sale $197.90
* School Yard Improvement $95.42
* Technology $68.02
* Total $3895.10
* Mabel’s Labels Deposit of $50 (not included above)

**New Business**

* Betty Douglas motions to support the Art Club as required having all grades eligible to participate in a club. Megan McDougall seconded it.

VOTE CARRIED

* Marieke Scholten inquired about snow days. Will classes be combining?
Shannon Spike reviewed the possibility of combining cohorts (with social distancing in mind). This issue will be ongoing, as they learn numbers of students and staff who are able to safely make it to the school.

**Committee Positions: Marieke Scholten**

* Fundraising - needing help
* Snack Program – going well

**Next meeting**

* January 11th 2022 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned by Megan McDougall and seconded by Betty Douglas.