

Sept 11 2018

Crysten Miller introduces herself as the current chair.

Introductions: Jennifer Kraus, Sara Avoledo, Joanne Heseltine , Kelly Hall, Rhonda Hurst, Mike Ongena (Booster Juice), Hannah Kouwen, Jenn T., Nicole Clark, Alicia Buckley, Michaela Witzke, Marni Barrow, Adam Bodiam.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Kelly Hall 2nd by Hannah Kouwen.

Elections:

Kelly nominates Rhonda Hurst for Treasurer (approved).

Shirley volunteers for Secretary hoping for a co for the role. Shirley is approved. Hannah or whoever can take notes will help when Shirley cannot make it (approved).

Crysten Volunteers to be chair, is hoping for a co chair. (Crysten unavailable on Thursdays and some Tuesdays) Kelly Hall nominates. All approved.

Crysten reminds that we all want to look for a co chair.

Principals report (Marni)

Welcome to all returning and new parent council members. Thank you for your help no matter how you contribute through meetings, field trips, etc.

Pleased to report that clubs have already gotten on their way - cross country, football, recess club. The kids have been so kind and patient and the tether balls are out :) It is the goal of all staff to have every child involved in something.

There was an assembly on the first day of school. Thank you to Mrs Preston for the amazing slide show, the kids reviewed school rules and got to see the staff play some games. They also discussed the future aces program.

The teachers were hard at work in the week leading up to the first day of school, the classrooms looked great the kids all seemed to settle in. Communication seems to be on the minds of many staff members, Please be sure to reach out about communication if you're feeling like the methods aren't working. The newsletter can be found on the website. Staff changes due to last minute enrollment should be complete as of Monday, Sept 17, 2018.

From the parents:

It was brought to the attention of council and staff that there has been feedback about the first day. Wandering about, to find their child's teacher. A

recommendation for a Sign (just indicating the grade group) as it was hard to see the clipboards, and not everyone is capable (anxiety) or knowledgeable enough to walk up to the right staff. Council would like to help with this by making the signs or getting balloons to tie to the staff indicating the grade to ease this process.

Pro Grant has been completed for 2018-2019 thanks to Lisa Johnson for helping Crysten complete the process. We were requesting funds to rent the ice at the arena, or the pool, or do drum fit. We can get up to one thousand dollars to go towards parent involvement in the forms mentioned above.

Outdoor Classroom: with moving some funds around and some fundraising we have issued \$16,000 for phase one of our outdoor classroom. We have a goal to raise \$15000 for phase 2.

We also need to fund-raise \$3000 for our annual allowance that we issue each student to offset costs. \$5/student approx. 615 kids.

Marni will check in with staff if we will be having and therefore funding Arts Day, as well as inquire about if we need to purchase computer mouses'.

How will we raise funds?

Send out a form looking for donations in lieu of fundraising (UGDSB Learning Foundation) we need this to specify it is for council, (outdoor classroom).

Approved.

Kelly Hall will draft a cover letter for the form (the form to be printed on yellow paper).

Great Wolf Lodge (GWL) (Sara)

This can be done for Fun or as a fundraiser.

We would book and need to fill 20 rooms at a deeply discounted rate. (sometimes we can get extra rooms).

Part of the promotion can involve a free night's stay to be won.

We can partner the free room with a free ticket for the draw for every 20 dollars donated to the learning foundation. (approved).

We can announce the winner at the movie night, and in the newsletter.

Booster Juice (Mike)

Some schools start in October.

Fergus Booster Juice does a school lunch program: at other schools doing lunches bi-weekly earned council \$1800 for the year. Someone would need to organize orders and accept and distribute delivery.

Booster Juice the company itself does fundraising (you can find more info online). We can purchase coupons for large smoothies (we would earn \$1.25 per coupon sold).

Booster juice has no nuts, they use very little extra sugar (mostly fruit sugar) Crysten says we will get back to this in October.

Fresh from the Farm (FFTF)

All agree that we would like to pursue the fall fresh from the farm (Crysten will be the champion, and will put out a call for help when needed) Approved.

Sending home FFTF and Learning Foundation info with GWL draw promotion. GWL and Booster Juice to be revisited.

Events in the coming months

Sept 18th Zumba (cost approx. \$100) Kelly Hall is checking to see if the instructor will be available from 6:30-7:30, we need to advertise ASAP when we have confirmation of instructor.

Sept 27th open house: Lets use food trucks for the fall open house. Open house from 6-7:30.

Crysten will reach out to Mega Cone, Groovy Grilled Cheese.

Jenn to Spankeys.

Nicole looking at others.

Oct 16 - Council meeting

Oct 26th - Movie night: we could buy a permit for Disney movies for \$300 (we hope to do 5 movie nights) Approved

Use money from Arts Day and replenish. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.