Jean Little Public School Parent Council Meeting

Attendance:

Kim Kowch

Carolyn Yule

Deanne Prins

Jacqueline Kreller-Vanderkooy

Mumtaz Baig

Afshin Mozaffari

Patricia Tolton

Kim Robinson

Ainsley Thomson

Jacqui O’Carroll

Karen Gorrie

James Wong

Angela Poporski

Stacey Periard

Action Items:

* Kim K to bring spending items for Council consideration
* Carolyn – mud kitchen update
* Stumps in the kinder yard – Kim K to follow up with teachers and council if anything needs to be done
* Indigo night – Sarah Burns is planning
* Montana’s Night – Patti is planning
* Free Family Movie Night Dates
* Discussion of Milk Program – parent volunteers for winter
* Overview of Parent Council – Kim Robinson, past co-chair

Serve as a liaison between JLPS community and school administration, events and fundraising to support fundraising goals including school musical, dance a thon, Montana’s night, Indigo, free family movie nights, playground enhancement, etc.

* “Mix and Mingle”

Attendees introduced themselves and new and old council members were able to ask one another questions about their experiences with fundraising, volunteering and other issues.

* Principal’s Update - Kim K

Official enrollment is 451. Late registrants are common at Jean Little.

3 kindergarten classes

2 grade 1-2 classes

Grade 2/3, 3, 3/4

Grade 4

2 Grade 5s

2 Grade 6s

2 Grade 7s, 7/8

2 Grade 8s

Plus a Developmental Learning class and a Learning Development class.

New Staff bulletin board with pictures now in the hall

Food and Friends snack program – Ms. Murray and Ms. Nelson plus some University students and some parents (Karen, Jean, Laura, Stephanie). Starts Monday, October 7.

Activities underway: Intermediate football team, junior soccer, cross country, Band, Grades 4-5 field trip, Terry Fox walk/run, Grade 8s video announcements on Fridays.

Implications of labour issue – none so far, Dwayne and Matt Evans are contract employees.

Monthly newsletters – online with messenger reminder

* Financial update:

Totals in Council bank accounts:

Fundraising $5,764.34

General $7,294.35

* Kinder Yard Update

Carolyn – Ordered a Scholastic brand “mud kitchen”. In June APE delivered a mud kitchen and invoiced JLPS dated back to April despite JLPS having never ordered it. Waiting to hear back on whether APE will negotiate the price and leave the item.

Stumps in the kinder yard – Kim to follow up with teachers and council.

Plexi added to the fence and painting done on the hardtop.

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* Fundraising Priorities

Kim K – teachers will have priorities to share with Council, music program, scientist in the school, cost of field trips is expensive (busing), library resources need updated, The Dragon workshops and booksale/ Scholastic book sale, alternative seating/furniture, learning commons equipment, grade 8 trip, Instrumental equipment, Gym equipment/DPA bags, Play/Musical, technology for the classrooms.

Climber maintenance reserve

Jacqui – Indigenous priorities, elders, opportunities to talk about cultural issues

Milk Program – Orders went from too much choice to no choice, no parent volunteers in past couple of years, Westminster Woods makes money on their milk program.

Parent volunteers running the milk program could be an option for winter semester if we have the volunteers available.

In the past:

Indigo Night - November

Montana’s Night – October

Dance a Thon – February

Family Fun Night - June

Family movie night dates next meeting

* Council Positions

Chairs/co-chairs – Carolyn (co-chair last year, willing to chair/co-chair this year)

Treasurer – Laura (last year, not present)

Secretary/Communications – Patti (last year, willing to continue this year)

Coordinators – Free Family Movie Nights (Jacqui last year, willing to continue this year), Family Fun Night, I <3 Jean Little Valentines Dance (need coordinator this year), other opportunities.

***Thank you! Next meeting date October 28th 6:15pm***