



PATS Agenda April 4th, 2024

Welcome & introductions (Meghann) In attendance: Laura, Val, Meghann, Brittney and Morgan.

Land Acknowledgement & Principal's Report (Laura)

Academics:

Large focus on Small group instruction- targeting learning gaps Gr 3 and 6 continue to learn strategies to write EQAO. EQAO writing dates are May 27-31 Staff have set a goal for the next few weeks to target an area where there is a group of students requiring some additional support

Social:

This time of year there is lots happening. Jr. Sideline basketball is April 16. Field Trips are being planned. There will not be a whole school year end trip, but rather groups of classes will be doing trips together. Assemblies continue to happen each month - April's focus is Gratitude

Equity Work:

Focus is learning about Passover. Mental Health Week is May 6-10. Stay tuned for more information regarding activities the students will be participating in.

Playground Update:

The order has been placed. Working with the board about coordinating removal of the playground and with the company about installation. Next steps: Need to look into an acknowledgement of some sort. Farm Credit Canada \$20 000 Wellington North Township \$ 12 500 Upper Grand Learning Foundation \$ 5 000-Will receive when we pay for playground Lions Club MF \$ 5000-still waiting on funding Optimist Club of Arthur- \$ 3500 2nd Look \$ 2 500 Donations made through the Learning Foundation (\$4618.40) Total Fundraising was \$ 50 690 in bank 5 000 MF Lion's Club 9 618 UGLF \$65 308 Cost of playground \$55 225.36 (\$ 48 872 plus HST) The cost to us will be approx. \$50 000. We will need to set aside about \$ 5500 in Playground Maintenance. Leftover funds can be added to the Tree fund. Trees will have to be looked at after the playground is installed.

Purchasing:

We had a visit from Lauren Bull, the head of the Terry James Resource Centre. They oversee the Learning Commons in schools and support Teacher Librarians. She has given us some suggestions to improve, and Ms. Evanoff has started that process already. We are in need of new and updated Makerspace materials. We are asking the School Council for funds to support this purchase. We are also in need of some new Chromebooks. It would be great if the school Council could support this purchase as well

Treasurer's Report (Michelle)

Fundraising Balance: \$0

General Balance: \$118.67

Playground Balance: \$50,690.55

Playground Maintenance: \$292.84

Resources/Activities: \$4,786.48

(\$1,673.88 - Scientists in the Classroom. \$1,422.60 - Trees. \$1,690.00 - Year end trips. +\$100 HST return)

Total Balance: \$55,888.54

Old Business

- Playground update?

Please see Principals report above for the update.

Fund Raising

- Meat fundraiser with Harriston Packers and JD Sweid will move forward as planned with our now annual late spring fundraiser. Proceeds of this fundraiser have been requested by staff to go towards Chromebooks and/or buying MakerSpace items. Vote on fund allocation.

As Laura reported in her principal's report, they are requesting funds go towards MakerSpace items and Chromebooks. She showed us a few items they are looking at updating and purchasing, as per Lauren Bulls recommendation. Classrooms are also short on Chromebooks, due to breakages and/or age of the Chromebook. (This will be noted for next year's fundraising opportunities as something to help support classrooms and teachers. They are around \$400 each) The money we already raised (\$1,690), as well as the school's own budget for the trips, will cover the costs. Email will be sent out to have a vote for the funds to go towards those noted items vs the original thought of end of year trips.

- Dates TBD. Michelle to confirm and update, as we will need volunteers the day of.

Will be updates when dates are known.

New Business

- We need to pick a date for the year end BBQ that we are providing to the school families and start planning asap.

A date of June 20th has been tentatively set for our year end Kenilworth get-together. We are working with an approximate number of 200 people that we need to budget for. That gives us \$7.50 per person as a budget for food/supplies (from our \$1,500 PIC money). We spoke about wanting to be as hands off as possible with making food etc so everyone can enjoy the night with the school community vs being stuck cooking all night. I reached out to Spanky's but didn't receive a reply. Another idea was to do pizza, chips, drink and ice cream. This would allow for easy distribution and planning. We need to consider some vegan/vegetarian/Gluten-free options as well.

As we don't know if the playground will be complete by this date, (we're hoping!!) we were brainstorming some activities to keep kids busy. Small yard games, cornhole, chalk, magnet fish in a pool etc. Any purchases need to be donated or voted on to allocate money to that. Our primary focus is to feed everyone! Otherwise, we can plan to bring what we have from our own backyards.

8. Next PATS meeting-

We have met our required amount of meetings we need in the year. We haven't scheduled anything else for this year as it is a busy time for everyone! Communication through email and messages will continue for planning the end of year party as well as voting on any changes.

Meeting adjourned