

Montgomery Village Public School Parent Council
Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 6:30pm

Brent Ellery, Shawn Henderson, Sarah Gladue, Ximena Butko, Meagan Misev, Stephanie Whitworth, Krystie Park, Lauren Nall, Michelle Rayburn

1. 6:35 pm - welcome
2. Samosas – will update in January re: sales.
3. Administrator's Report
 - positive feedback from the winter dance overall. Winter concert was also a huge success.
 - Weather - school board will close schools if it is minus 25 without the windshield. Administrators will decide if the students go out for recess when schools are open, this is on a school per school basis.
 - Family Transition Place - \$1500 has been allocated by parent council, there is a short fall and parents will not be asked to fund it. Shawn was able to obtain \$1000 from student success at the school board and teachers are using their student allocation from grade 5-8 to support the \$4500 cost.
 - UG Connect App/Busing update - they are aware of the glitch with labour updates being posted on the bussing update. In the event of a school closure there are multiple means of communication; school messenger, UG connect app, CASL email, phone message, UGDSB website.
4. Treasurer's report
 - Reports up to Nov 18th
 - Stemmlers meat sales raised \$1620
 - Winter wonderland dance raised \$589.33
 - Approximately \$15, 996.59 has been allocated to various causes in the school (see allocation meeting minutes) we do not have at this time the funds to cover all of this (see below "Joint parent council meeting").
5. Parent Council Bylaws
 - Reminder to all parent council members to remember that we are working together as a team and to provide respect to all during communications with one another. Everyone here is a volunteer and taking time out of their day to assist in different avenues, so please be mindful of this.
 - More volunteers are always welcome!
6. Winter Dance Update
 - a. Feedback- some parents wanted to have children get their indoor shoes, will review next year ie, make a note to bring indoor shoes as halls require to be closed. Discussed having a large jug to fill water bottles vs access to water fountain. Vendors in the library worked well. Discussed not having the green room in the future, especially with the vendors being in the library. Discussed looking at other ways to announce raffle prizes.
 - b. Tally of funds raised - \$589.33
7. Fundraisers
 - Stemmlers - raised \$1620. Feedback: most people were able to pick up on parent interview night. We obtained 3 x \$50 gift cards that can be used next year.

- Laura Secord Chocolates - This fundraiser has now come to an end and all monies should be brought into the school as soon as possible. As per Laura Secord Fundraising, the chocolates should not be sold past a year.

8. Hot Lunch Programs

- Boston Pizza - No concerns
- Pizza Depot - No concerns
- Quesada - moving to first nutrition break so that the food will be fresher and warmer, less soggy.
 - Also going to work with Julie to set up Quesada for every week.

9. Other Business

- Joint Parent Council Meeting - Sarah & Ximena attended. Other schools approach funding differently in that they don't always pre-approve a list of items as we historically have. If we have a goal of updating the outdoor greening space it might be that we need to re-evaluate the funding allocation or approval of funds as well as identify specifically what the fundraising is for prior to starting a fundraising campaign. Money would then be allocated into specific accounts that are pre-determined and will be held in that account only for that purpose. If we are to consider changing our approach to be more in line with other parent councils Brent discussed beginning with a conversation with the staff to inform them of our change in process. It was discussed that we would shift our focus and approach to funding for the new school year to support transparency and a focus on specific goals. Next meeting will be February 10th.
- ProGrant - funding has changed (Government program). Funding will be provided at more of a larger, possibly, board level to create more of a joint event among multiple schools.
- Greening Committee - the process of obtaining a list of options for a new greening space outdoors is underway. Awaiting the consulting company to provide some initial ideas which will be reviewed by the committee and school board.

10. 7:53 pm Meeting Adjourned

Next Meetings - Wednesday February 5th, 2020 @ 6:30pm

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Please contact Parent Council if you have any questions or concerns about events within the school. We do our best to get answers to you as soon as possible.