

## October 2022 Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Attendees** - Jody, Stephanie, Sarah, Stephanie, Ximena, Kim, Annie, Ashley, Shannon, Holly, Jennifer, Lindsay, Menora

### **Executive Voted In**

**Co-Chairs** - Ximena Butko, Cathy Smyth

**Secretary** - Jody MacLean

**Treasurer** - Sarah Gladue

**Members at Large** - Jennifer Miller, Menora Marks

**New Email Address** - [schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com)

### **Principal's Report**

1. We had the following events: Terry Fox Run, Cross Country, Truth and Reconciliation Day and Meet the Teacher Night. Meet the Teacher Night was very successful and it was great having everyone back in the building.

We had a hold and secure a few weeks ago. It's different than a lockdown. A lockdown is when everyone is silent and hiding in a locked, dark classroom. A hold and secure is when people can't leave or enter the building. You can still move around the inside of the school. Some harassment and physical stuff happened. An individual from the highschool who was well known to the police said to go into a hold and secure. A weapon was possibly present. No one in the school was in danger.

**Question Asked** - Has anyone been in the classroom to discuss bullying? Response - Bullying is a regular conversation in all our classrooms.

**Picture Day** - We had a new company this year and they were very organized and very professional. No class photos were taken but a date in April will be class photos.

**Remembrance Day** - They've started preparing this day.

**Winter Concert** - It will be for various grades to participate but all students will watch it.

**Family Transition Place (FTP)** - Kim got prices for FTP. She asked a couple different teachers who had FTP in their classrooms to write about the value of this program. She read 1 of the letters. One letter said, "It can't be replicated." "It's a program that is built on itself every year." With mental health being so important they don't want to lose this program but it's very expensive. The cost has risen a lot this year. The teachers would like money to help pay for this program. It used to be subsidized and now it isn't. It's around \$4800 to pay for the specific classes. Travis is willing to come in and do a presentation explaining the FTP program. The letters from the teachers will be attached to the minutes. This program is for grades 5-8. Everyone on council is in support of fundraising money to pay for the program. Brent will contact FTP to see if they can present at our next meeting.

**Question** - How do you determine how much money goes where? - Usually teachers send in requests or they have a presentation prepared for Parent Council. We used to have a special allocation meeting and teachers would send in their wish lists and parent council would decide on how much was going to each wishlist item.

**Question** - Is there a grant that we could apply for to help pay for FTP? Can we have an optional donation on School Cash Online.

**Question** - When do we have to book and pay for FTP? - Kim is going to find out the date. Kim will email the parent council email with the info.

Brent is going to ask for teachers to have their wish lists done by next council meeting so we can decide on allocation.

**Meet The Teacher Night Review** - \$270 from Meet the Teacher Night will go towards the Gr.7<sup>8</sup> trip. Alyssa made \$180 selling bath bombs and donated all of it. \$293.90 from pizza and drinks will go towards the grade 7<sup>8</sup> trip. Around \$563 has been raised so far for the 7<sup>8</sup> trip.

**\*\*Volunteers\*\*** - Jody will send Brent a blurb about volunteers for pizza day and he will send it out. We want the same/similar people to do weekly/bi-weekly. We would love to do lots of initiatives but we need parent volunteers during the day.

**What's App Group** - Parent Council has a What's App group. If you want to be added please email the school council email [schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilmvps@gmail.com)

**Winter Wonderland Dance** - Ximena, Jody, Stephanie, Jennifer have volunteered so far.

This event is for everyone to attend at the school. We had a green screen, bake sale, pictures with Santa, dancing in the gym, decorations, dj for a dance and vendors.

This event will take place on **Dec. 2**. Brent is going to reserve tables and chairs for this event.

Stephanie will send out a blurb to Brent to send out to parents.

Kim is going to teach students some Folk Dances and they can present at the Winter Wonderland Dance.

**Fundraising - Big Box Cards - (We're doing this fundraiser)** Jennifer looked into it and \$10 per box will be given back to the school. We would donate the funds to FTP and Scientists in the School. Jennifer will lead this and Ximena, Jody and Stephanie will help with this fundraiser.

**Playground** - We need to keep \$10 000 in this account for the up keep of the playground.

**Next Meeting - November 15th at 6:30 p.m.**