

Ponsonby Pubic School Council – Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting	March 19, 2024	Time Started	6:35 pm
Location	Ponsonby Public School library		
Attendees			
Rebeccah McDowall, Megan Primeau, Darcy Studer, Christina de Jonge, Sandra Baguley, Lindsay Wideman, April Blakey, Dayna Goad (online), Sarah Sinkovits, Roslyn Conti			
Regrets: Kristin Kathiravelu, Christine Anderson Mary-El Lane, Krista Chappell-Merchant, Laura Burns			
Topic	Discussion		
Meeting Action Items	<p>-Put together an official statement on behalf of parent council about the playground yard issues (Megan & Rebeccah)</p> <p>-Look into regulations surrounding parents driving other students to alleviate bussing costs (Sarah)</p> <p>-Check on tables for June 20th – (Sarah)</p> <p>-Getting council minutes uploaded (Mardi/Sarah)</p> <p>-What did the last playground assessment say and how long do we have before it expires? (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rules and regulations around how to obtain a play structure, installation regulations etcLook into grants from the board to offset costs. <p>-Reaching out to community members for larger donations for school playground (Skyline family; Sandra)</p> <p>- Finding volunteers for glitter tattoos for the bbq (Christina)</p> <p>-How many chromebooks do we have, how many are expiring and how many do we need? (Sarah)</p> <p>-Create a transportation category in the fundraising accounts? (Darcy)</p> <p>-Submit to superintendent the list of activities/logistics for 60th anniversary to - aim to submit by end of April (Sarah)</p> <p>-Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 4 pm on the 4th of April</p> <p>-Check with Kelley about PRO Grant funding status (Sarah)</p> <p>-Flexible seating options for regulation stations – what is there a <i>need for</i> in the classrooms for these well used stations (Sarah/Sandra)</p> <p>-Hot lunch approval – familiarizing with the regulations and requirements in the school setting (Sarah- can also consult with Kelley who looked into this)</p> <p>-Continue to communicate about obtaining board approval for external companies for yard work (Sarah)</p> <p>- Danceathon!? To raise funds for chromebooks – logistics (Megan)</p> <p>-Making parents aware of the cost of bussing – through transparency on social media and in costs of outings (in upcoming posts about fundraisers?)- (Megan/Rebeccah/Sarah)</p>		
Principal Report (Sarah Sinkovits)	<p>Long term Fundraising: What are other schools doing?</p> <p>-canvasing in the community</p> <p>-Skyline business – Sandra will reach out to see if they would be willing</p> <p>-Replacing structure with another alternative for the young kids?</p> <p>-Need to understand the rules and regulations around how to obtain a play structure, installation regulations etc.</p>		

	<p>-Look into grants from the board, etc. -How old is the structure and what did the last assessment say? Sarah will look into this.</p> <p>Kindergarten Yard -Significant paperwork for Dayna/Ryan to get their business approved through the board (they are more than willing!) -Reach out to Kelley about the update from the last walk through with the board representative regarding the yard, its grading, and drainage. -Ryan to come and do an independent assessment based on the problems</p>
Treasurer's Report (Darcy)	<p>Decisions for Spending Fundraising Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocating funds to school improvement – it may be included in standard council By-Laws that a proportion of the fundraising each year go to that pot, which will grow over the years. Chromebooks (Sarah suggestion) – could use a full class set for grades 3 and 6 – need to find out how many we need -Fundraising at the 60th for this!, or possibly through danceathons! Sarah suggestion: bussing for trips is very expensive , requiring at least \$5 per kid McPhedran – whiteboard has been purchased Transportation category created in the budgetary accounts Rebeccah: on school cash online, asking for bussing donations <p>Rebeccah motions that we contribute approximately \$1000 for the busing. 2nd Megan, all approved.</p>
Candle Fundraiser (Dayna/Christina)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised \$975 195 Candles sold
Year End BBQ (Rebeccah/ Christina)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booked for Thurs June 20, 5-7 - College Heights to do food: hamburgers/hotdogs (veggie and gluten free options (\$3 each) macaroni salad (\$80/pan) potato salad (\$80/pan) mixed green salad (\$80/pan) Pans feed 50 ppl We need to provide condiments/drinks - fire truck booked - Police for traffic control booked - Tables booked (Sarah make sure booked w/date change of the 20th) • school to plan 60th anniversary portion – 6:30-8:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ inviting community members ◦ Fundraising for a long term initiative – chromebooks or school playground ◦ Plant Diversity , tshirts and clothing with special anniversary logo w crest ◦ Sheet cake ◦ Parking ? ◦ Advertising: facebook, radio station, newspaper ad ◦ Band booked
PRO grant funding (Rebeccah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have we received funding? – Check with Kelley • Start planning event- Lindsay, Rebeccah, Megan, Dayna
Adjournment	8:02

Proposed Next Meeting	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
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