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# PEPS School Council Meeting

February 1, 2023

PEPS Library

6:31 pm

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**In attendance:** Julie Todd, Amanda MacCoubrey, Alissa Tan, Ashley Jaspers-Fayer, Andrew Vanderkolk, Danielle Richards, Cassandra Smith, Jodie McArthur, Tamara Nish, Shannon Croft, Sarah Miller, Kirklin and Kibian McKay.

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and acceptance of agenda/ declaration of any conflict of interest
4. Review and approval of minutes – November 30, 2022
  - Motion to accept: Amanda
  - Second: Ashley
5. Treasury Update
  - a. Playground fundraising: Gaga ball pit is in and has been invoiced and set up. Trihoops have been ordered. No updates on when they will be here. Julie to look into trihoops. ~\$11000 in playground fundraising account.
  - b. Playground maintenance is at its static amount
  - c. Classroom account is at \$4000 after you take into account the 18.5 classes who have not taken advantage of the money. Kinders have spent their money. Some teachers will stagger the money. Andrew to bug teachers if they haven't spent their money by March break. Some teachers have not submitted. Some haven't bought anything yet. Staff reps to check with other staff to maybe make a wishlist. Have to make sure the money gets spent.
  - d. Food Days: sitting on ~\$8000 in profits after taking out round of pizza that just closed and started today. New hot lunch still has yet to come in.
  - e. General: Moved \$4000 from last year into General fundraising. Mostly for administrative costs.
  - f. General fundraising: Moved \$5500 from food days and money from General. Paid for scoreboard, Jingle Mingle, two pizza parties. Still waiting for trike invoices. Magformer tiles came in but invoice needs to go in. Have about \$9000.
  - g. Resolution - Deck box for Kindergarten yard
    - Kinders asked for a deck box for the outdoor things for the sandbox. Approx \$260. Approved by council. Invoice to be put through.
6. Admin Report

- a. Cross country skiing trips for the grade 5+. Curling team is happening. School play will be happening: Bigger and will have audiences. Kinder reg for FI is done. Gaga ball pit is really well used. Junior kids created a rough set of rules, including max number of kids in the pit. Admin have talked about another pit for the other side of the playground. Credit Meadows has a collapsible pit. This type may be good for our yard. On the other side of the yard. Would need a movable pit. Permanent pit is not really an option.
7. Teacher Report
  - a. Badminton team (gr 7/8) tournament at PMPS. 12 players going next week.
  - b. Reminder that there is an award for a grade 8 student who has stood out and helped out and is awarded FROM council. Council members to keep an eye out for the best helper.
8. Old Business
  - a. Money for Teachers
    - Bacchus would like amplifiers and other instruments. Working on developing a school band for grade 6-8. All the equipment in the school is Mr. Bacchus's personal collection. Highest priority (~\$900) for amps, cords, cables. From Aardvark Music. Once the band is more established, would like to open the band to more grades for students who play instruments outside of school. UGDSB will not provide an instrumental music budget. Out of General Fundraising
      - Moved to fund the full \$2900: Sarah
      - Seconded: Danielle
    - From Lawrie + grade 5 FI: recorders for use for all the grade 5s. \$229.39 . 58 requested. They will stay with the school, not for students to keep.
      - Moved: Danielle
      - Seconded: Sarah
    - McLaren suggested that we fundraise at the school-hosted basketball tournament: PEPS is hosting Sideline basketball tournament. It is after school (4-6PM). Suggested that we use pizza orders for this as a fundraiser. McLaren to collect forms. Someone from Parent council just needs to be here to help organize the pizza. May do two nights for basketball tournament if first night goes well. March 7th.
      - Agreed!
    - McArthur put up the bird feeder at the front of the school. It is all from McArthur family. Can we provide \$15 for the bird feed to put in the bird feeder? Can move the bird feeder, if the birds don't come back to the front with the removal of cedar trees.
      - Moved: Sarah
      - Seconded: Ashley

b. Scientist in the School, Artists?.

■ General consensus Kinders are not interested in the virtual. Grades 1 - 8 like it and would like it.

- 17 grade 1-8 classes. \$3995 for Scientist in the School
  - Moved: Ashley
  - Seconded: Amanda

■ For Kinders: Parents in STEM backgrounds who have kinders. Parent volunteers could go in to talk to the kids about stem careers. PEPS has highschool kids coming in to plan an activity. Can be a hands-on activity that is run/planned by parent volunteers and ODSS students.

9. Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

a. Jingle Mingle/Events

■ Winter community free event. As long as a student attends the school, your family could attend. Well over 300 kids. Ran out of cookies in the first hour. Parents and families were very happy with the event. Santa has been booked for next year. December 7, 2023 will be next Jingle Mingle. A lot of grade 7/8 kids helped and were amazing. 20 7/8 s who helped out that night. Too many people helping out to get ready. Next year to set up early and send the kids home after it's done. Budget was \$1500. Ended up spending \$1295.49. Hot Chocolate might not be a good idea for next year or an adult needs to man that station. Needed more adults floating and more info on what adults need to do. Food bank donation needs 2 people because of cash. Admin can be one of the 2 people at the cash. Need more people in the foyer giving out passports. Maybe next year and have a "training session" for the kids for what the kids need to do the night of. Just a little more prep. It was great being able to use the whole school.

b. Food Days

■ Pizza just closed and new rounds started today. \$68-69 pizzas a week. Highest amounts in a long time. Round 4 of hot lunch is the highest it's been to date. We're getting enough volunteers helping. Round 5 hot lunch is open right now.

c. Playground

■ Cassandra has submitted drawings to the board. Julie to follow up. Cost has not yet been determined as awaiting board approval. Board will likely not come to check if the drawings will be ok until the spring. The process is long and looking at next year spring to start anything actually happening. Cassandra to put together a list of items that are on the list that students voted on last year that don't need board approval (removable) for next meeting.

■ Since this is a long process, can we approve a second gaga pit in the meantime?

- Will not get a gaga pit from the same vendor.
- Motion to approve \$3500 for a second gaga pit from Playground fundraising
  - Moved: Sarah
  - Seconded: Ashley

d. Green

- No update
- Birdseed!

e. Fundraising

- Mom's pantry is open right now.
- That money is going toward activities and school improvement.
- Grade 7/8s had a big conversation about the prices in the catalogue. Good teachable moment.
- Ashley to send reminder emails that Julie will send to parents.

f. Grants

- No new news

g. Others

- Spring community event? Precovid there were monthly events.
- Possible spring event subcommittee?
- More details to come

## 10. New Business

a. Breakfast club fundraiser

- 130ish muffins this week. Still not sure about profit margins.
- Breakfast club has to fundraise to get the \$10000 grant
- Smoothies to come after muffins
- There was a donation spot on the cashonline for muffins.
- Julie to remind Laura to add the donation spot for pizzas and hot lunch.

## 11. Question Period

- a. Mothers and Fathers days: Donation items. Credit Meadows does a \$1-2 store for kids to buy a gift for their parents. Cassandra willing to organize.
- b. Candy Grams? Results in a popularity contest. Teachers did try to mitigate that by buying class sets for their classes. School to look at options other than candygrams to be more inclusive of all students

## 12. Adjournment

- a. 7:52 pm