



SPENCER AVENUE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, Feb. 9th 2017
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Spencer Ave. Library

Parent Attendees

Bonnie Gerrits	Lorrie Wren	Carol DiRamio	Laura Russell
Laurie Taylor	Lisa Laidlaw	Michelle Francis	Tricia Barrett

Staff Attendees

Dianna Secord
Jamie Wouters

Guest Attendees

N/A

1. Approval of December 2016 minutes
 - Motion to accept draft minutes: Laurie Taylor; seconded by: Lorrie Wren. Motion passed by council unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report – Lorrie Wren
 - Lorrie explained the new spreadsheet format
 - Current account balance is approx. \$13,000 (not including the funds set aside for the outdoor equipment fund)
3. Lunch Committee – Bonnie Gerrits
 - Bonnie asks Dianna if teachers or Lisa can give us a heads up when a field trip is scheduled on a lunch day. Diana says there is a list Lisa updates that we could check periodically. Dianna also says she can ask Lisa to put a not in the school mailbox when she schedules a trip on a lunch day and she can ask staff to try to avoid lunch day trips.
 - Council is in need of a fridge because we currently have issues saving lunches for kids who miss lunch day due to a field trip (we have been using the YMCA and school staff fridges). Bonnie asks Dianna if there is anything we can do about this problem. Dianna says there is no room for another fridge, so we can use the staff room fridge if space is available; maybe next year we could not offer cookies (which require a freezer for storage) and then our current freezer could be used in its refrigerator mode. In the meantime, Dianna says we can look into getting a small chest freezer in the staff room for keeping the cookies and freezies in, which would allow us to use the council freezer as a fridge.
4. Principal's Report / Wish List – Dianna Secord
 - General News:
 - Report cards go home next week.
 - The intermediates are doing several field trips instead of one big overnight trip this year.
 - Dianna has collected requests from teachers with their explanations of how their wish list item would support student learning. The wish list items are:
 - Kindergartens – approx. \$700
 - Butterfly kits, 1 per class
 - iTunes gift cards for ipad apps \$25 per class
 - Kids' snow shovels
 - Foam 3D figures
 - Scholastic books



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- Kindergarten graduation money \$100
- More block people to include diversity
- Primarys – approx. \$1500
 - Language & math games
 - Learning mats
 - White boards
 - A 'Dash Robot'
 - Lego
 - A set of 10 recorders
 - A social studies set
- Juniors – approx. \$ 1500
 - 4 Chromebooks
 - 'Scientists in the School' and/or other activities or trips
- Intermediates – approx. \$ 1200
 - Computer parts for a 20-Time project
 - Handheld musical instruments
 - 2 Chromebooks
- Family Transition Place - \$500 - \$1500
 - Last year council supported 2 family transition place programs; Dianna asks if we would consider supporting 2 or 3 programs this year at \$500 per program
- Maker's Space – approx. \$1000
- Bonnie says we have about \$7000 for wish list items, so we can commit to the amounts Dianna has suggested, including 2 family transition place projects. It is possible that nearer the end of the year the actual fundraising total may be a little higher and then we can give to the French program or more Maker's Space items at that time.
- Council unanimously approves \$7,200 for wish list items

5. Movie Night – Laura Russell

- Laura is proposing 2 movies on the same night (Fri. March 24); grades 6-8 movie in the library and grades k-6 movie in the gym. We would use our pre-release 'freebie' to show "Monster Trucks" in the gym and we could have the older kids vote from a list of 3 movies for the one shown in the library.
- Dianna says March 24 works for the school
- Dianna to book the gym for that night

6. Spring Fair – Bonnie Gerrits

- Jen volunteers to help run the fair this year. We need about 10 more volunteers.
- Last year we had tables for service vendors like camps, dance lessons, etc., a silent auction, animals, food trucks and it was too much work for the 5 or 6 people who volunteered.
- Laurie has a list of people who indicated last year that they would be interested in volunteering this year; she will contact them.
- Lisa says Royal Bank will match ticket sales if their employees can volunteer on that day, so we should keep that in mind when choosing a day.
- The first week of May works well with the school schedule, but does conflict with staff appreciation week.
- Council agrees to a tentative date of Thursday May 11th.

7. Pink Shirt / Spirit Wear

- Dianna would like a pink shirt timeline. She can have artwork ready by March 1st. We will need to place the order by March 22nd to have the shirts for anti-bullying day.
- Bonnie says Dufferin Apparel can do the pink shirts with 2 week turn around at a price of approx. \$8 / shirt @ qty of 35 with price going down as quantity increases.
- Bonnie to look into adding a size chart to the Cash Online order site this time.



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- Bonnie proposes we price the pink shirts at \$8 each if printed on one side, \$10 each if printed on both sides because that will cost us a bit more.
 - Bonnie to look into ordering “VOLUNTEER” shirts to identify volunteers at events like the spring fair. Quantity 10 – 20.
8. PIC Money (Magnets) – Lorrie Wren
- Postcard size magnets are \$125 for qty 500
 - Business card size magnets are \$95 for qty 500
 - Dianna to email Lorrie a picture of the Stallion logo for the magnet design
 - Bonnie to look in to getting logoed library bags from the spirit wear place; Lorrie found that they were \$800 for qty 600 at the magnet supplier.
 - Council unanimously approves ordering the business card size magnets at qty 500.
9. New Business
- Lorrie would like everyone to know that Wednesday April 26th from 5-8pm is the annual parent involvement committee session, held in Fergus this year. Up to 2 people from our council can attend the event. If anyone is interested in attending, email Dianna and she can sign you up.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9th – 6:30 in the library

Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: CD