

May 2023 School Council Minutes

Date: May 9 2023

Time: 18:05 – 20:14

Location: Library - Spencer Ave ES

Minutes taken by Kelly Strutt

Parent Attendees: Claire Gardener, Kelly Strutt, Shelly Sullivan, Cari Mistry, Lisa Lankhof, Kyle Adams and Amy Lang.

Staff Attendees: Vice Principal – Kimberly Dempsey Jones

1. Lisa started the meeting 6:05pm, began with the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Review and acceptance of agenda.
3. Review and acceptance of April meeting and minutes.
4. Admin Report
 - Today was the Optimist bike rodeo, grades 2-8 participated
 - Students participated in battle of the books and the junior team won Gold!
 - Intermediate basketball is still ongoing, the girls have moved on to the next level
 - Dear Edwina starts next week
 - Track and field starting later this month. Spencer will be hosting a variety of “standards day” to help pick a team. The meet will only involve students in grade 3-8 due to shortages of buses and schedules
 - We are excited to have a number of field trips planned. From walking to the splash pad, Medieval Times and an overnight to Toronto, it is great once again to be able to do this. We are finding challenges with bussing however and bus costs have noticeably increased

- We are planning some transition visits for our new students coming to JK, grade 4 FI and our gifted program. We will be welcoming these students throughout the month of June.
- We are also planning a Volunteer Tea for June 16 and our grade 8 graduation on June 22.

5. Treasury update

- Reviewed financial statement
- Discussed the income from spirit wear and mabels labels and decided to post a spirit wear flyer at kindy night so new families may purchase. Jen is going to speak to contact regarding possibly getting Spencer stickers done
- Playground account has maintenance funds on reserve
- Yard improvement account is currently sitting at \$46, 561.74

6. Dance-a-thon

- Dance-a-thon was very well received from the students
- Dance was very successful in raising funds for yard improvements, brought in just over \$13,000.00
- Discussed posting the winners on social media (sans full name) next time
- Hoping parents have the option to write a cheque next year as a charitable donation

7. Yard/Outdoor Space Committee

- Reviewed the results of the survey done by parents and students. Top hits were nets – basketball and soccer. A few requests for trees and shade as well
- In process of ordering outdoor sports equipment for recess

- Creative Playgrounds has been out to look at line painting in kindy yard
- Asked about a step in current playground to younger students can reach
- Waiting on board approval for a mud kitchen
- Work order put in to have the board assess the drainage issues
- May be ordering two Little Tikes folding tables as well as Astro turf carpets

8. Family BBQ June 1st

- Ms.Currie is available for face painting
- OPP is good to make an appearance, paramedic will confirm this week and Fire is not confirmed yet. Amy will follow up
- Will decide if parking lot is closed once all 3 guests are confirmed
- 5 staff members have offered to help
- Kyle will bring extra BBQ to grill vegetarian/Halal
- Council approved budget of \$1200.00

9. New Business

- Grant options for school upgrades? Cari M will look into.

10. June 15th at 6:30pm. The last meeting of the year(we will be choosing a date for Winterfest 2023)

11. Meeting adjourned at 20:14