

Victoria Terrace School Council Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018

Attendance:

Jennifer Kentner, Alexis Steinke, Jacki Gansekoele, Alyssa Henry, Wilma Shannon; Christy Van Veen; Dylan Van Veen.

Regrets:

Laurie Vonk; Carolyn Black, Meggin Fitzpatrick

Meeting called to order by Jacki @ 7:00. Minutes were approved.

Fundraising

Cookbook

Jennifer got the information from Fergus Printing. We will go with them for the cook book. It is nice to stay local. Jacki and Christy put together an order form and contest. Deadline will be October 12. Parent Council can submit, teachers can submit, and students can submit. Will have a contest for the cover (winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Jesters). Runner up pictures can be used for the dividers. Fergus Printing will format it all for us. Cook books will be ready by November 5.

Dance-a-thon

The Dance-a-thon will stay as is. It has to happen regardless. Decorations will cost \$250. Juniors would dance at 1:45, Primary would dance at 2:45.

Mr. Peller will DJ for the school day.

Mrs. Vonk will DJ for the evening event.

We will supply a disco ball.

Parent School Council and volunteers will run the door, count the money and chaperone.

ACTION:

1. Determine what we are fundraising for.

Jingle Mingle

The Jingle Mingle will take place on December 6 from 6:30 – 8:00

Fundraising Ideas

- Truck pull
- Fun Fair
- Victoria Terrace Marathon

Action:

1. Wilma to confirm with the board if we are allowed to do the truck pull event
2. Keep the ideas coming!

Play Ground

The tetherballs were damaged again, but they are guaranteed for life and will be repaired.

Update deferred until Mrs. Vonk can participate in the meeting.

Student Participation in Awareness Days

Parents weren't aware of the various days. Post on the Facebook page. There is an app that can be downloaded.

Should we have bracelets available in the office for kids to purchase if they want to participate?

We can't ask the teachers to manage this. The initiatives are not for fundraising, but to raise awareness for various causes.

School Crossing

Have to go to infrastructure and roads. We have to petition the mayor and the ward councilor. Election has to take place, so that we know who to send the official letter to. We will wait 2 weeks for a response, and then set up a meeting with the mayor. If we don't get the answers we are looking for, we can start a social media campaign.

JD Hogarth had that stop sign put in behind the school. Reach out to them, to see who they talked to and made it through the process.

ACTION:

1. Deferred until the Election takes place.

Treasurer's report

Opening balance \$16221.78, The tether balls and basketball hoops were paid for. Food for open house, and school council insurance were paid for. Money has been put on hold for the scientists in school. The remaining balance is \$14,307.31.

Musicians in school was approved for the DL class.

ACTION

1. Jennifer to reach out to June to see if she still wants to be treasurer. If not Jennifer can take it on.

Principals Report

Tracey Ryckman and Michelle Onifrichuk have returned for nutrition break and recess supervision.

The adult mentoring program supported by Big Brothers/Sisters has returned to the school. There are 5 adult mentors including a 'Big in Blue' and a high school student who will see 8 students weekly for first term.

Mr. Pellar is working with a team for cross country and a soccer team. A soccer tournament will take place on October 11 at Elora P.S.

The Terry Fox walk/run took place on Sept 27 with an assembly. We raised \$301.80 for the Terry Fox foundation – students ran the trail to Belwood or in the school yard.

Tara Armstrong continues to run the Nutrition program with the help of Michelle Onifrichuk and Kelly Smith.

The 8 Keys of Excellence is being promoted through the school culture for staff and students.

There was a great turn out for the Open House and Book Fair. The book fair was able to raise over \$2000

The current student enrolment is 202 – with a new student joining us in November.

There has been an additional .5 Educational Assistant for the afternoons for 2 weeks and a transitional Educational Assistant for afternoons for the next 3 weeks.

Thank you to Mr. Pellar and Mrs. Wilson for organizing the pizza fundraising every Wednesday and Friday – the fundraising covers the cost of our school teams (bus travel and expenses)

There is a lot of inquiry going on in the classrooms - everything from butterflies to the natural environment in and around the school.

The ECO Maniacs are doing some outdoor teaching for other classrooms and some will attend the ECO conference in Milton later this month. Composting, recycling and Boomerang lunches are continuing in 2018.

Grades 1, 3 & 4 will attend a Makerspace Conference in Hamilton on Oct 10. Grade 6 students will attend 'Safe Communities' on Oct 4 in Marden.

Grade 3 students write the CCAT Oct 9 – 12

KA is organizing the October food drive.

Teachers are grateful for the Parent Council support for Scientists in School program.

EQAO results were low for Grade 3 students in 2017 but high for Grade 6 students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting – Monday November 5, 2018