

## VPS School Council Meeting May 4-2022 Minutes

### **Attending**

Attendees: *Jason McAlister, Carla Anderson, Tricia Radburn, Mark Hallman, Leslie Mifsud, David DiCenzo,*

### **1) Welcome and Ice-Breaker**

- Jason welcomes all
- Nice to have things getting back to normal with things like subs and maybe kindie enrichment clusters.
- What's up for summer? Cottages, camping, visiting grandkids, etc...

### **2) Information items**

#### **Chair Message (Jason)**

- Thanks for the amazing work done on the grounds on Sunday, April 24, things are looking great with the new paint too!
- We will likely have big discussions coming up over the coming months regarding grounds, so get your ideas ready! Getting excited to see Spirit Wear around the school and the community :)
- Great day with the grounds
- New people around, lots of chatter
- Questions about the slide issue...people want to help
- New paint is done...looks fantastic
- Cool we got spirit wear done
- Big numbers...approximately 210 items sold
- Amount was set to not make much profit but because numbers were high, and the bulk order was bigger and cheaper, so we made a little more money

#### **Principal Update (Carla)**

- Line painting around the front and kindie yard...games, educational activities
- Bean bags and balls purchased for some outdoor activities
- It gives the students some focused things to do on the yard
- And it looks "crisp and fresh"
  
- Garden responsibilities
- Teachers are excited about participating...wanted an indigenous theme
- No treaty partner at this time but they want to go ahead with the garden
- Positive response
- All kindie classes interested in some respect...want to take 2-4 plots

- Question about what the community wants to do with involvement so we can get to separating the plots
- Jason asks how we do this from a communication perspective?
- Leslie mentions kids from classes connecting with their families...does that constitute "community involvement?"
- Carla says yes
- But does school council want their own plots?
- Jason says any class that wants a plot should have one...start there and see what's left
- Council can advertise to the community that there are X number of plots remaining, which maintains the community connection
- Carla will ask staff to see who wants plots...will bring that number back to Mark and Jason
- Probably need to start planting in the next 2-3 weeks
  
- Equity Bag - consideration for PIC money next year?
- Jason likes the idea
- Still need to fund the newsletter, wherever the money comes from
- Keep Equity Bag on the burner
  
- Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill
- More drills to come
  
- Reading Tutor Program has begun (May 2)
- Volunteers coming in to help students with gaps in learning and no official support
  
- Waiting on inspection reports for playground
- Carla will forward info to Mark and Jason
  
- Request to up mulch amount, with focus on the front of the school and kindie island
  
- April 13 -Celebrated the International Day of Pink
- Singing, artwork, made a video
  
- Class Photos for Yearbook
- Unfortunately couldn't do photos this year
- Two teachers undertaking effort to take photos for the yearbook
  
- April 22 - Celebrated Earth Day by wearing Earth Colours
- Discussing ways to help the planet and helping with yard tidy up
  
- Hired Laurisa Di Ilio for the LTO 0.6 FDK and Planning Position
- Ms Primeau hired by Board
  
- April 27 - Administrative Professionals Day

- April 28 - National Day of Mourning
- April 29 - Custodial & Maintenance Day
- Lots of celebrations and lots of work!
  
- Mark asks Carla how subs went
- "Slick!"
- Thanks to Mark for organizing

#### **Treasurer Update (Beth Ann)**

- TBD

### **3) Discussion items**

#### **Book Club request (Leslie)**

- Lauren de Rijke (Grade 4 French Immersion) wants to run book club
- "Me and White Supremacy"
- Mme de Rijke wonders if we can purchase two copies of this book through the Bookshelf
- Will commence May-June 2022
- Council can do this...shouldn't be a problem to pay for them
- **Official Motion: To pay for these two books**
- **Seconded by Mark**
- **Vote: Passed**

#### **Sub Orders (Mark)**

- Straightforward and good uptake
- Some extra admin fees for lunch box so less profit
- No problem...it's more for the kids
- Profits to playground equipment... "it's a start!"
- Orders collected for balance of the school year via [lunchboxorders.com](http://lunchboxorders.com)
- **57** subs ordered for the first week, **71** for the second week!
- \$0.29 profit per sub x 57 subs = **\$16.53** profit for first week
- \$0.29 profit per sub x 71 subs = **\$20.59** profit for first week
- First set of subs delivered Tuesday April 26
- Thanks to David and Beth-Ann for passing out the subs!

#### **Grounds Update (Carla and Beth Ann)**

- Can we plan to purchase outdoor equipment based on sub orders?
- Can we ask classes for their wish list?
- Provide a connection between students and Council
- Carla says, "Any outdoor equipment would be welcome!"
- Board approved places are expensive

- Jason asks if it needs to be through a Board approved place
- For Phys Ed equipment, yes, not so much for outdoor recess pieces
- Tricia asks is that for this year or for September?
- Jason suggests now...prime time to be outside playing
- Mark will look into it
- Leslie says we need durable stuff
- Tennis balls, sidewalk chalk, etc...
- On the big kids' yard, soccer balls, basketballs, soft frisbees, etc...
- Mention on announcements and in the newsletter
  
- (in April minutes, mentioned purchasing sand, do we need more sand or just re-distributing?)
- Jason shoveled the sand back into the box on cleanup day...hopefully we don't need to buy more
- Redistribute
- Carla ordered a sand top up, though she doesn't know how much or where it will go
- School pays for that
- We will discuss in the future after the cost is determined
  
- Mark asks slide question...any plan to act before the end of the year?
- Carla says the inspection report will determine the next steps
- Tricia asks if we are taking it down if deemed not safe
- Carla hopes not...hasn't been in that position before
- Permanent closure is just something to think about

#### **Spirit Wear (Kristine)**

- 210 orders
- Arrive on May 14
- Kristine will bring it to the school and distribute
- Leslie mentions releasing names might be a concern
- Discussed a class list, ie: Ms Mifsud needs x amount of S, M, L...and she will distribute them to individual students after receiving the class order from Council
- Will be cool to see that gear!
- Leslie loves the colours...so different from previous
- We will do another round in a couple of years

#### **4) Newsletter**

- Do we do another before end of year?
- End of May or early June?
- Need ground committee members, for example
- Mark wonders about mentioning garden plots
- Maybe end of year event?

- Can we do that?
- Carla says there is a pause on large group gatherings
- Makes it hard to plan for community events
- If there is something creative, possible...like groups of 5
- Carla doesn't want to say no but it has to be creative
- Leslie knows of another school where they are having an outdoor gathering and ordering their own pizzas
- Sounds challenging
- But we can do a newsletter to discuss recess items, garden plots, etc...
- Send an email with more newsletter ideas
- Leslie says a year end newsletter is a nice wrap up
- ie: we supported this in 2021/22...and come help us next year
- "looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_"

#### **5) Other Business**

- None

#### **6) Adjournment**

Have a good evening, folks!

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