

VICTORY PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

2022 - 2023 School Year | November 2, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: VPS Library Learning Commons

In attendance:

- **Parents:** Mark, Tricia, Erin, Cynthia, Laura, Meredith, Pamela, Kelly, Alex, Beth Ann (online)
- **Staff:** Carla, Leslie

1. Recent School Events:

- The Board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) provided school communities with books that promote Equity and Inclusive Education as well as Indigenous Education
- CCAT Assessment for Grade 3 students in English and French streams has been completed- results should be available next month
- Welcome Video Screen is now located outside the office- parents can look at when they pick up children at office
- October 14 -Grade ½ Water Presentation from City of Guelph
- October 18 -ECE Appreciation Day
- October 19-Take Me Outside Day for Learning
- October 21 -Cross Country Meet
- Support for teachers on how to deal with bullying, mentoring programs etc.
- October 24 -PA Day (Training and Report Writing)
- October 26 -Gr. 4 and 5 classes to Linamar performance at the Riverrun Centre
- October 27 -Picture Retakes
- October 28-Junior Classes held their Harvest Feast
- October 31-Halloween Celebration (Costumes and Black & Orange Day)
- November 1 -Playground Structures Closed for the winter season
- LLC- librarian has highlighted some books for the fall season and on the topic of equity
- No update on Powell St. structure and when it will be removed
- Repairs to Tricolour Basketball hoop to be made tomorrow

2. Treasurer Update [Beth Ann Valente]:

- No transactions since last meeting
- Budget presented at the last meeting was approved by voting members through emails

3. Fundraising Update [Beth Ann, Laura, Leslie]:

- General update on fundraising initiatives
 - QR Code has been set up for easy fundraising payments. Funds raised will go to grounds improvements. The QR code was on the recent newsletter.

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- Meat fundraiser- It was decided to run this in the new year- Laura to ask the company for available delivery dates. The process involves sending home flyers for parents to make their meat selections. Pick up of products will be on a selected date. This would likely be a Saturday rather than school day.
- Pancake fundraiser for kindie yard (Leslie)- funds raised will cover outdoor resources for kindies. They will be making pancakes and asking for donations. Parent volunteers are needed.
- Teacher requests for funding:
 - Need a pump for balls in the playground and gym. The old pump is now broken. A replacement will cost \$75
VOTE: Motion made by Kelly to cover cost of air pump, Erin seconded, all in favour
 - Request for laptop and software to use for Mr. Erlick's video/movie making club
VOTE: formal vote not carried out but decided through discussion that this could potentially be considered later in the year, depending on available funds. There may be other school funding to cover technology requests.

4. Council Positions Update:

- The following positions were confirmed:
 - Chair - Mark Hallman
 - Treasurer - Beth Ann Valente
 - Secretary - Tricia Radburn
 - Voting Members - Jason McAlister, Kristine Kozicki, Alex Waisanen, Erin Marriott, Laura Wallace, Cynthia Freedman, Kelly Wilton
 - Others may become voting members after attending at least two council meetings

5. Grounds Sub Committee Update [Beth Ann Valente]:

- Tri hoop in the kindie yard will be repaired tomorrow.
- Subcommittee has met and begun long-term planning for grounds improvements.
Initial discussions:
 - Front hill mulch is a priority. The mulch is not an appropriate ground cover for the slope. This should be addressed so mulch doesn't need to be purchased every year.
 - There may be a need for another clean-up of mulch again before winter- to be decided at next subcommittee meeting
 - Next meeting will be used to further prioritize and set plans for long-term replacement of structures etc.

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6. Events Sub Committee Update [Mark Hallman | Cynthia Freedman]:

- Craft Sale and Night Market - December 1
- Volunteers needed!
 - Fill out the volunteer form: <https://forms.office.com/r/E26kVSuZX1>
 - Vulnerable Sector checks – all volunteers need to have a police check at this time but this may change- Mark checked with the board and is expecting an update on whether this will be required.
- Tables needed!
 - Mark has sourced some from various organizations
 - Tables from school may not be useable as they are used for Kids Club
 - Need trucks to pick up tables - Kelly and Tricia will be able to help with table pick up.
- Crafts needed!
 - Check out craft ideas at: <https://pinterest.ca/cynthialean/victory-craft-sale-ideas>
 - Storage- tiny storage closet at school for Council- some old crafts and wrapping still there- could use as storage for crafts ahead of the sale
 - Primary classes will do class crafts to donate to the sale
- Vendors needed for night sale!
 - Email blast for vendors to go out shortly
 - **Decision: Council decision made that we will accept direct sales as vendors this year**
- Challenges:
 - CUPE strike could impact evening sale
 - Mark to check with Kelly on whether cash is ok to use or if all sales must go through school cash online

7. PIC Update [Mark Hallman]:

- December 3 – The PIC is holding a School Council event to help councils understand council positions and run more efficiently. Details will be provided in the upcoming newsletter.
- Upcoming webinars - November through March - posted in council newsletter
- Equity and inclusion materials purchased for schools for parents- to be housed in area between little-large library areas
- \$500 to be provided by PIC for council newsletters

8. Newsletter [Mark Hallman]:

- The November newsletter was distributed this week!
- December newsletter ideas – grounds update, meat fundraiser teaser, Dessert party teaser, QR code

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9. Spirit Wear

- Leslie to connect with Kristine to get info on purchases. Could some T-shirts etc. be available at the Night Craft Sale? Or could order forms be available at the Night Craft Sale? Could they be delivered by Christmas? Leslie to check

10. Adjournment