

VICTORY PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

2023 - 2024 School Year | September 13, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: VPS Library Learning Commons

Attendees: Mark Hallman, Tricia Radburn, Erin Marriott, Kelly Wilton, Rodrigo Goller, Linzy Bonham, Craig Miller, Rob Robson, Alex Waisanen, Beth Ann Valente

Principal/Teacher reps: Carla Anderson, Leslie Mifsud

1. Introductions

2. Principal Update [Carla]:

- Welcome to new and returning educators: Mme Drumm, Mrs. Scoular, Mme Angeli, Ms. Beattie, Mme Chartier
- Many thanks to Mr. Dewey for a smooth start to the new year
- This year the school will be focusing on improvements to reading, numeracy and attendance
- Staff have met to discuss these improvements and identify students with gaps in their learning to make plans for supports.
- An anonymous donor has once again donated \$5000. This has been used in past for DanceED. Use is TBD this year.
- School website will be changing- shortening monthly newsletter, adding new info once per week
- An invoice for playground maintenance has been received. This was for repairs to the little tykes slide in the kindie yard. Council is responsible for playground equipment purchases and repairs. Leslie to check that the repair was completed. Council to cover the invoice.
- Upcoming events:
 - Friday Sept 8- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Day- students wore red
 - Friday Sept 15- All students should have returned verification forms to the school (confirmation of name, address, contacts etc.)
 - Friday Sept 22- Terry Fox run
 - Monday Sept 18- PA day- staff will be working on early reading instruction, new language curriculum, student wellbeing, safety and violence prevention.
 - Thursday Sept 21- Booster Juice deliveries begin- order forms were sent home with students
 - Thursday Sept 21 5:30-7- Open House, parents can visit the school and meet teachers.
 - Wednesday Sept 27- Rowan's law day- students can wear purple
 - Friday Sept 29- National Truth and Reconciliation Day

4. Treasurer Update [Beth Ann]:

- departing as treasurer
- Budget for year set in early this year- will include teacher proposals, allocate funds-

- base generally on last years' fundraising and budget
- \$15,000 for playground
- \$42,000 total but some in reserve fund for allocated items
- Teacher proposal forms to be sent out by Carla and Leslie

5. Grounds Update [Beth Ann]:

- Thanks for the great turnout for the grounds cleanup before school started.
- It is noted for next year that it was difficult to have all the yard waste bags removed. They could not be left on the school grounds. There were over 40 bags- difficult for one person to manage.
- Next year arrange for City pick up for yard waste- this is a fee but saves effort.

6. Learning Commons Update [Britney Caswell]:

- Britney was unable to attend but will be asked to attend next meeting.
- It was noted that the Scholastic Book Fair will be on during school Open House.

7. 2023-2024 Council Selection [Mark]:

- Council Executive will be:
 - Co-Chairs: Rodrigo, Alex
 - Treasurer: Linzy
 - Secretary: Tricia
- Ideas to promote Council and get new members:
 - **Action Item:** Carla to send out email message to parents about Council.
 - Opportunity to advertise at Open House- set up table at office and by gym door
 - **Action Item:** Mark will pull up newsletter from last year that described Council and Council activities.
 - **Action Item:** Cynthia to put together some Council sign-up sheets etc.
 - **Action Item:** Poster to be created and posted to entrance doors- who to do?

8. Newsletter [Mark]:

- **Action item:** Newsletter to be prepared for the Open House- include info about Council, Council activities, upcoming events, food days etc.
- **Action Item:** Newsletter to include info about police checks:
 - For clarification: Vulnerable Sector needed when volunteering for the first time (must be less than 6 months old). After that, do Offence Declaration with Kelly in school office- done each year for five years.
- Previously used Staples for printing- Carla noted that we could consider printing at school- Council would supply paper but printing costs may be better overall.

9. Other Business [Everyone]:

- Craft sale planned for early December.
 - Need to confirm permit and booking details ASAP.
- Food days:

- Pizza- Dave Kelly to coord pizza
- Alex- to coord sub day
- Pizza and subs to start in October- orders can be made through School Cash Online
- Apple purchases- who to take this on?

10. Adjournment

- Next meeting date October 4, 6:30-8:00