

CPS School Council: January Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 12th - 6pm

Present: Katy Roherty, Christina Chamberlain, Aleesha Hunter, Amanda Woodcox, Kelly Glover, Kym Rusaw, Joanne Shuttleworth

- Meeting minutes approved (motioned by Katy, seconded by Kelly, all in favour)

Treasurer Report – Amanda:

\$2 871.33 (Lottery account)

\$2 092.62 (School Council account)

- \$75 reimbursement from Mr. Morford/Festival of Trees account for payment of lottery licence that traditionally comes from his account but due to some red tape ended up coming out of the School Council account
- \$142.25 credit from Forest of Reading program
- \$373.71 total cost of Forest of Reading book purchase
- \$155.87 payment for purchase of shovels for kindergarten class
- \$250 payment to Festival of Trees fundraiser

Principal Update - Joanne:

- Updated mask policy for grades 1-8, social distancing protocols being diligently enforced
- Approved for Pro-Grant (\$1000), received criteria and they are very strict about how this money can be spent
- Brainstorming ideas with staff about what we can put together that falls within the program guidelines (we have until the middle of June to decide)
- Kelly suggested using math kits from Snapdragon, will look into possibilities
- New internet being installed at the school to rectify some dead spots throughout the building

Teacher Update – Kym:

- Thank-you photos from the kindergarten class using their new shovels!
- Students inquiring about results of the Logo/Sticker contest, Joanne will send completed artwork submissions to Kelly to sort and choose our winners
- Not all classes submitted, Joanne will confirm with our teachers if there are any outstanding submissions
- Will choose winners from each class to create stickers and win a prize
- Kelly proposed an idea for classes to participate in a project being put together by a friend of hers, book of Positives from 2020, no deadline

Fundraising Update – Kelly:

- Will we continue with our Online Auction? Tough to solicit people/businesses for donations during lockdown, is this the right time for approaching anyone for things?
- Christina proposed concerns around what some of the donations went for during the Festival of Trees, not enough being made for what was spent
- Joanne shared that she has been able to save some money in her budget since the school closure last year, and that it's also a year for Colborne PS to receive Capital Funds, so a lot of requests for equipment can be fulfilled in those ways versus having to be provided by School Council/fundraising
- Aleesha reminded the group that we do have a fundraiser that's on-going with our Spirit Wear shop on Entripy
- Aleesha asked if we are allowed to use funds to purchase an item of Spirit Wear for each teacher at the school to help promote the line, Joanne informed us that no, using School Council funds on teachers/staff is not permitted
- We CAN buy the students Spirit Wear and hand out as we see fit
- Joanne plans to purchase the graduating grade 8's a customized item as their end of year gift on behalf of the school
- Katy and Aleesha proposes buying a mask for each student, Kelly will look into if there is a bulk discount to get the price as low as possible
- Joanne suggests that she can use the school's corporate card to make ordering straightforward
- Kym confirms that the students would love a CPS mask
- Decide to hit pause on the online auction idea, will revisit before the end of the school year

New Business:

- Katy has emailed Scholastic re: virtual book fair
- Kelly suggested we look into the company Rigamajig as a possible purchase for the school, will send out link
- Reminder that February 1st is a PA Day

Meeting ended – 6:55 pm

Next council meeting will be Tuesday February 23rd, 2021 @ 6pm