

Parent Group Meeting

Parent Group Minutes – Sept 21, 2022

7:30 p.m. School Library

** indicates written report/attachment provided*

1) Call to order – Chair 7:47 p.m.

Attendance

Parents: Kim Scott, Sarah Lakusta, Christan Rasmussen, Sean Weberg, Michelle Bantiler, Mallory Jackson, Theresa Mackenzie, Hilary Schmidt, Jeff Dicky, Kristy Callin, Allison Usher, Tessa Cahill, Adrienne Boosdrom

Virtual attendees: Desiree Williams, Naveed Afsar, Seng Pan Gawlu, La Wom Gumling, Lorena Gerlywich

Staff: Mike Lastiwka (Principal), Tracey Prouse (Vice-Principal), Dianna Graziano (Counselor), Courtney Richard (Teacher)

2) Review of the Agenda

It was noted that a May date was listed incorrectly on the agenda, amend to strike

Motion: Moved to approve as amended. Courtney Richard / Desiree Williams. Carried.

3) Approval of the Minutes

May 18, 2022

It was noted that Yemisi's last name "Emmanuel" was to be added, and the "check sp" notes were to be removed

Motion: Moved to approve as amended. Christan Rasmussen / Jeff Dicky. Carried.

4) Treasurer Report: Sarah Lakusta (Treasurer)

September current balance started at \$11,748.55

Deposited two cheques for a total of \$407.49

Expenses for welcome back coffee and related purchases for \$255.50

Current bank balance is \$12,073.78, waiting for cheques to clear

*Ardrossan Elementary paid for our milk last year and we reimbursed them for the outstanding bill

Working on finalizing online payments to get away from cash in the school

Online payments are simpler, and reduce liability for the school in regards to handling cash funds

5) Hot Lunch Report: Allison Usher

First Hot Lunch is in October and we will be running completely online this year with ordering and payments, e-transfer is going to likely be the primary method which means zero fees for us in regards to payments

6) Look Ahead: Allison Usher

Events and fundraisers to potentially do this year:

- Shop 'til You Drop, fundraiser charging per table
- Family Dance in May, one of our biggest school events, possibility of fundraising through a silent auction and concession
- PJ and Pancakes before Christmas (event)
- District change: we now require insurance to run any events on school property outside of school hours
- Dates are already pre-booked for the year for gym rentals, remains to be seen if we can utilize the rentals for those times
- Westboro Garage Sale another option, families rent tables to use as their garage sale space
- School fundraiser (not parents group) is Panago
- Passive fundraisers currently running include:



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- Cobbs Bread (mention Westboro), Save On Foods Wye Road (receipts get sent in to school, no prescriptions, no lottery, no gift cards), Mabel's Labels
- Allison would like to potentially piggyback fundraisers done at Ardrossan that work well
- We would like to do school Spirit Wear, before Christmas!
 - Can be run on the hot lunch website
- www.artcardsbykids.com
 - Kids make the art and it gets printed out and parents can order
- Popcorn fundraiser - presell and run once a month or every second week
 - Require parent volunteers, to make and distribute
 - County has popcorn machines ready to borrow
- Poinsettia sales in the winter, plants (hanging baskets & strawberry plants) in the spring, growing smiles fundraisers
 - Not collected gets donated
- Wilhawk beef jerky - \$20 per bag, we get \$3 per bag
- Little Caesars fundraiser option
- Theresa brought up a fundraising option for local photographer, sitting fee goes to the school and the packages are sent directly to the families for purchase

Action: Popcorn sales, spirit wear, art cards - to move forward

Action: Create a list, focus on what we're going to fundraise for, let's have specific options that we're happy with and know what it's for

Action: Allison looking at recommendations for insurance companies and waiting for quotes. Also waiting on Ardrossan paperwork to be approved and we will likely follow suit

Action: Courtney to send an email for what the staff wants and set a focus for asks

7) Open Questions and Discussion:

Request from Mike for parent group to pay for Christmas Concert dress rehearsal transportation to the Park Church, approximately \$2,000

Regarding the Christmas concert costs, previously we did a silver collection at the event to pay for the church rental, possibility of doing that again. \$1,225 to pay for rehearsal and day of rental, school can pay for any difference the collection doesn't cover.

Discussion:

- No ticket selling for the concert as AGLC have to be involved for ticket selling - two people must be monitoring money and they require a course to manage money (this is anything involving registered ticket, raffle, etc)

Motion: Moved to approve up to \$3,000 to cover transportation costs associated with the Christmas Concert dress rehearsal. Desiree Williams / Kristy Callin. Carried.

Courtney: thank you to the parents group for purchasing canvases for the school paint project

Christan: would anyone like to do another book study, parents group purchased books for last year, looking at The Whole Brain Child

8) Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

9) Adjourn

Motion: Moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Kim Scott. Carried.

