

# **Courtice North Parent Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Attendees:** Lea Cooke, Meggan Niven, Tracy Gray, Kyla Redden, Dana McDonald, Jen Voordenhout, Sarah-Jane Lawlor & Chloe Ward

#### **Fundraising**

- Will be creating fundraising subcommittees for pizza, popcorn, fundraising, fun fair, and fun food dates, and will discuss creating an additional volunteer committee for last-minute events. We will use a live sign-up sheet, perhaps a Google form, for volunteers to help with volunteer accountability. We discussed having a role and responsibility section on the form or just a time slot. This will be distributed by school messenger or email – A police check needs to be accounted for when accepting volunteers.
- So far, 100 tickets have been sold for the upcoming Oshawa Generals Game, Lea will reserve a section for the staff and Tracy will provide the number of teachers who will be attending.
- December flower fundraiser forms are ready to be picked up and we will announce the fundraiser after the Generals game
- Food, fun fair, spirit, fudge, and flowers are our main 6 fundraising objectives.
- The Halloween dance is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>, the popcorn machine should be cleaned before the Halloween dance. 150 units of popcorn have been sold for the Halloween dance as of now. Glow sticks have been ordered and delivered for the Halloween dance. The strobe light needs to be located; Tracy will ask Peter.

#### **School update**

- During Mrs. Le Drew's absence, Tracy Gray will be Acting Principal and Peter Bischoff will be Acting Vice Principal.
- The playground is back in use, the west side of the boundary line has been updated allowing for better supervision. The use of the climber is broken down by grade and age of the week, Kindergarten and Gr8 kids are not using the climber due to age restrictions.
- Intermural sports are in full swing, cross country is taking place tomorrow and rugby will be starting in the spring.
- Courtice North Tents should be utilized for sporting competitions so our school is more easily identifiable for attendees
- We should be ensuring that the children are wearing the updated Courtice North logo on their sports jerseys as well as a sign-in/sign-out system to ensure that jerseys are not misplaced and there is accountability. We also need to locate the new "Coach" black shirts that were purchased in June 2023.
- Spirit days run by the spirit squad are up and running, 2 spirit days have happened so far and the Socktober fundraiser is running this month looking for donations. The council would like to be kept up to date on the spirit squad events. Approx 20 kids are in the squad.

- The leadership committee is helping supervise Kindergarten lunch and doing the daily school announcements.
- Tracy to put in a work order for a bulletin board for the parent council bulletin board.
- School improvement template, directed by KPR Unpacking school data (eqao, report cards) school processes, contextual and demographic data, and pulling perceptual data (bullying). The data has been collected from the 2022/2023 school year and a committee of teachers will be unpacking and analyzing the data starting tomorrow. After completing the template based on the data, goals will be set.
- A new bullying prevention and intervention plan is in the works and will be released soon.
- Photo retakes will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Durham College Care Clinic, students from their final year in Child and Youth Work will run groups like distress tolerance and emotion regulation, peer support, and social relationships & and expression through art. This program is free and Tracy will have teachers who will suggest students who may benefit from the groups. Lydia Trull, Central, Waverly, Courtice will be the fourth school in the program.

### **General**

- The breakfast club is not needed at this time but we may decide to reallocate some of those funds towards winter clothing to have on hand for children in need.
- Extracurricular activities for non-sporty kids, chess, board games, etc should be implemented... a parent volunteer could supervise. We will find out from the kids what they would be interested in and then go from there. Admin to poll kids for interest.
- Lea sent a message requesting \$1000 from the council for the library, 600 will go towards the Forest of Reading program and the remaining \$400 will be used at the discretion of the librarian, Council voted yes.
- Will discuss finances at the next meeting
- We will implement an Edsby section specifically for the parent council info.

**Meeting ended at 7:15**