

Courtice North Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024

Present: Valerie Le Drew, Kerry Martin, Dana McDonald, Jennifer Cox, Jenny Feltham, Jen Voordenhout, Kyla Redden, Lea Cooke & Chloe Ward.

Regrets: Alycia Stephens, Ashley Muir, Sarah-Jane Lawlor, Kim Cain & Meg Niven

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Treasurer Report

- Kyla Redden reported on the School Council finances.
- School Council has committed \$6,460.75 this year. In addition, there is another \$1,000 of funds committed to pay for the recess guardians program.
- We made approximately \$600 from the Oshawa Generals fundraiser. Oshawa General's donated a stick and jersey for a draw. Ticket purchasers will be eligible for the draw.
- Kyla has started to categorize our expenditures for easy recall.
- Chloe Ward motioned to accept the Financial Report. Jenny Ward seconded.

Fundraising Meeting

- Upcoming fundraising items will include a school cookbook, fudge, flowers, spirit wear, Oshawa Generals tickets, healthy hunger, movie night & the Pro Grant.
- The need to purchase new team jerseys to replace those which were lost, was discussed. Lea Cook is looking into changing companies. Jenny Ward motioned to pay for 50 more jerseys. Jennifer Voordenhout seconded. Lea Cooke suggested that we ask parents for a deposit for the sports team's jerseys and if they do not return them, they will be charged.
- Dana McDonald asked if Spirit Wear could be purchased throughout the year, and/or can people design their own option? Sizing samples are expected to be available the week of the bookfair, so that families can order the appropriate size.
- It was suggested that SC consider running the Pro Grant on one of the nights of the bookfair.
- The flipgive website link is not working. Lea Cooke will look into this.
- We would like to run a family movie night in the new year.
- We would like to have a bingo night. We could raffle off a free lunch, or Spirit Wear.

School Library

- The library staff have been swamped recently and have not had the time to fully put together a quote or get a better pricing – Valerie Le Drew suggested if any parents had free time they might come in to help the library staff go through options.
- We would also like to investigate if the local high school students are able to help build some furniture and or make bean bag chairs as Fabricland is soon closing.

Administration/ New Business

- Intermediate Rugby for boys and girls was held today.
- Picture retake on October 17th
- Recess Guardians on October 21st
- Dreamers Day –a group of intermediate girls will be going to this conference at the Toronto Convention Centre. This conference promotes the skilled trades to girls.
- P.A Day on October 25th
- The Halloween Dance will be happening again this year.
- Valerie Le Drew is going to open up 2 spots per parent council meeting for kids from the spirit squad to come and speak at the beginning of the meeting. This could be opened to any child that wants to give a presentation regardless of if they are in spirit squad.
- We are the only school in Clarington that is a part of a pilot program, NVCI for non-violent crisis intervention, trauma informed practice. There are only 10 schools in the Board taking part in this program. This program will be presented at the P.A day this month with staff.

Round Table

- We clarified that the baseball diamond is in use at recess to play soccer baseball – within reason.
- We would like to request an assessment to see if we can put in soccer goal posts.
- Jenny Ward asked if there are alternative options that supply different activities, for example, roller-skating, horseback riding etc. It was recognized from an organizational standpoint it could be difficult to set up. It would be more reasonable to run something in the school or within walking distance.
- Chloe Ward asked if we are able to send paper copies of council information to get sent home with the younger kids.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm