

## **Courtice North Parent Council Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025**

**Present:** Valerie Le Drew, Dana McDonald, Jennifer Cox, Jenny Feltham, Jen Voordenhout, Alycia Stephens, Kyla Redden, Sarah-Jane Lawlor, Kerry Martin & Chloe Ward.

**Regrets:** Kim Cain, Ashley Muir, Lea Cooke & Meg Niven

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

### **Action items from previous meetings**

- No movement on the jersey quote - ask Lea for an update before the next meeting.

### **Administration Report**

- Lots of festive activities happened in December.
- The community police officer came and spoke to the older kids about internet safety. Grades 4-6 will be having their internet safety info meeting with the community police officer.
- We will be look into running an internet safety night for parents – perhaps this could be our pro-grant application.
- Wow Yoga was a huge success, both teachers and students raved about the experience.
- Grade 8 information session, high-school representatives came to discuss all the classes they could select in grade 9.
- Ski club is going phenomenally. The kids are so well behaved and are having a blast. We have more parent volunteers than any other school. 3 more evenings left.
- Intermural sports started for grade 2/3's today. The grade 4 & 5's will be starting shortly.
- Basketball has started. The tournament is scheduled in February.
- Knitting and crotchet will be starting up soon.
- EQAO will be starting in May for grades 3 & 6.
- The Mind Up program is a science based on program to help kids navigate their mental wellness and resilience. This program will be starting soon.
- A positive school climate committee has formed, focusing on kindness in the school, Students have been given Kindness tickets where kids can nominate other kids – how to be kind when teachers aren't looking. Staff are also able to fill out tickets about students whom they observe being kind.
- Junglesports is scheduled for February.
- Report cards are coming home on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Kiss and ride – parking lot is still a major concern. The Board will not be helping change the parking lot. Alternate methods are being looked into. There will be more pylons put in the parking lot to take away the second line of traffic that is developing.

**Financial Report**

- June 11<sup>th</sup> to January 14.
- Closing balance \$16,786
- \$4,000 has been directed towards a purchase of books and renovations for the library.
- Jenny makes a motion to accept the financial report – Jen seconds.

**Teacher requests**

- Crotchet and knitting club needs money to run – they would be happy for \$100 for the purchase of knitting needles and yarn.
- Spirit squad would like to run 3 more popcorn days and they would like us to provide the popcorn. We will cover the cost of 2 cases up to the amount of \$200.
- Teachers in the building have noticed that we are lacking materials which promote diversity – they have requested \$1,000 to buy books which are inclusive, support diversity and reflect our school community, focusing on black history month. The motion carried.
- Jenny motions and Jen seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.