

**Pleasant Park Parent Council Minutes for  
November 20th at 6:45pm**

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you all here tonight.
2. Gillian motioned to approve of September's meeting Minutes and Shelly seconded it.
3. Financial Report
  - 1.1. Opening Balance: \$13,465.00
  - 1.2. Amount Raised : \$14,670.00
    - 1.2.1. Fundraisers so far: pizza, popcorn, book sale, fresh from farm
    - 1.2.2. Upcoming fundraiser: movie night
  - 1.3. Amount Spent: \$ 918.00
  - 1.4. Closing balance: \$27,217.00
  - 1.5. Commitments: \$16,804.00
4. Council Update
  - 4.1. Funding approvals by Executive
    - 4.1.1. Grass seed for Manny (Custodian) to help with flooded yard: \$180 + tax
    - 4.1.2. Cash Box for Student Council: \$56.47 – for use with fundraisers
  - 4.2. We received \$500 grant from school board for parent involvement activities. The money can only be spent on activities that spur parental involvement.
5. "A Taste of Pleasant Park" Dinner - Friday, December 6 5:30pm-8:00pm – we wanted to welcome new families to the school community and encourage people to get to know each other. This event happened two years ago but not last year. The theme is less focused on ethnic food and dress this time to try to be more inclusive of everyone.
  - 5.1. Everyone brings a dish to share that represents their country of origin or ancestry
  - 5.2. Water, drinks, plates and cutlery will be provided
  - 5.3. In the past, Parent Council has provided funding for drinks for this event. **Motion:** Recommend to spend up to \$500 of board grant on event Motion to approve by Gillian, seconded by Craig.
6. Fundraising
  - 6.1. Fresh from Farm - pick up date is November 21 from 3-7pm: Gillian is still looking for volunteers to help pick up vegetables.
7. Decision Items

- 7.1. **Motion:** Math read-aloud books for Primary - 68 books \$621.71 requested by Athena Bleeker for Primary team: Gillian motioned to approve and Shelly seconded it.
  - 7.2. **Motion:** English and French Forest of Reading picture books (Blue Spruce, Silver Birch) - Dec to May student engagement project - for Primary and Junior students 3 book sets for \$485 requested by Maggie Fawcett for whole school: Craig motioned to approve and Hanan seconded it.
  - 7.3. Discussion about the possibility of improving recreational infrastructure for students, as students are only able to use the gym once per week.
  - 7.4. **Motion:** Noise-cancelling headsets for students in the class \$17.99/each - it would be nice to have some available for every class - requested by Reg Butcher for whole school use – this is especially beneficial for students with special needs. Teachers are interested in having 2 or 3 per class. Diane motioned to approve up to \$1,400 for headphones and Craig seconded it.
  - 7.5. **Motion:** RAZ plus - online access to a leveled reading program licenses for up to 9 classes - \$305 requested by Maggie Fawcett for Primary team: Craig motioned to approve and Gillian seconded it.
  - 7.6. **Motion:** Math IXL for grade 4 class - 24 students \$337.87. One-year subscription, requested by Athena. Gillian motioned to approve and Frank seconded it.
8. Administration's Update [separate document]
    - 8.1. Question about spirit boxes: Principal will look into how successful it was
    - 8.2. Question about the school play: it is not organized yet
    - 8.3. Question about translation: why are some documents translated into languages, e.g., Arabic, and others are not? Concern that parents could misunderstand why some documents are translated into specific languages. Principal Thibeault explained that translation is done on when requested. Information is sent home in English by default, and documents are translated into other languages, including French, when requested.
9. New Business
    - 9.1. Gillian suggests possibility of adopting Kindness program – a program parents can participate in with their children. Carolyn noted that Parent Council has been interested in supporting this program in past years but it has never been a high enough priority.
    - 9.2. **Motion:** Question about Mathletes: has it been started yet this year? Principal Thibeault reported that it has not been organized yet. Diane motioned to approve and Craig seconded it.
    - 9.3. Diane was contacted by Hawthorne school; they were inquiring about partnering on the book sale, which we have held jointly with Hawthorne in past years but held on our own this year. Principal Thibeault will reach out to Hawthorne school to talk about possibility of working together with them this year.
10. Next school council meeting - do we want a Dec meeting/Christmas party?

10.1. There could be challenges with a social event if there is a strike action.

10.2. Decision: There will be no December meeting. Next meeting will be on January 15, 2020.

11. Adjournment was at 9:00pm.