

Pleasant Park Parent Council Minutes for
January 22nd at 6:45pm

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you all here tonight. Welcome to Principal Shelley Potvin
2. Craig motions to approve November's meeting Minutes, and Karen seconds it.
3. Yearbook update: Karen provides update on status of yearbook. Challenges due to job action. We have student volunteers. If we are going to move forward with yearbook, we need approximately four parent volunteers, and they would need to be supervised by school admin. Parent council needs to decide soon whether to fund yearbook printing contract.
4. Financial Report
 - 4.1. Discussion about rolling over money from year to year: Carolyn explains that the school board sees our balances each year and they do not want to see us carrying forward large balances. Carolyn will seek clarity on whether it is acceptable to carry a balance forward given the job action this year.
5. Council Update
 - 5.1. Funding approvals by Executive
 - 5.1.1. Request from Mr. Sepulis for 10 Sleds for Grades 1-6: $\$227.41 \times 2 = \454.82 (1 sled per class)
 - 5.1.2. Parting gift for Principal Thibeault: \$50.00 gift card to Chapters
 - 5.2. A Taste of Pleasant Park Dinner (Dec. 6) - approximately 100 people attended (50-60 families). Lots of delicious food. Nice to see many Kindergarten families attend. A big thank you to the committee members who helped organize, set up and take down along with many other hands and helpers (Juliet Christopher, Karen Sasaki, Keren Leviel, Anja Ramenason, Carolyn Kropp)
 - 5.3. Mathletes set for January 28-29
 - 5.4. PPPS' 60th Anniversary Celebration: Carolyn is organizing – suggests advertising in Vistas to invite members of community with ties to the school to share their memories
 - 5.5. Movie night: planned for February 28 and May 2
 - 5.5.1. Problem last movie night with children unaccompanied by adults: need to address this issue – will have a sign-in and sign-out and to use Aladin doors instead of gym entrance, will send out message to community reminding them that children need to be accompanied by an adult.
 - 5.5.1.1. Executive will look into purchasing lanyards for parent volunteers to clearly identify themselves.
6. Fundraising: no additional fundraisers

7. Decision Items

7.1. Funding Requests:

7.1.1. \$149 for Co-operative board games for the library maker space. **Motion:** Craig motions to approve and Laura seconds

7.1.2. \$1,000 for two EV3 robots for the robotics club, so they can have a ratio of 3-4 students per robot. **Motion:** Heather motions to approve and Diane seconds.

7.1.3. \$845.44 kinder request for outdoor supplies: (180 children) Parent council previously approved funding for older grades

- \$542.17 for kinder classes (20 short sleds, 10 long sleds 6 snow stomper)
- \$244.51 kinder classes (15 snow shovels, 10 snow block makers, 6 plastic spray bottles)
- \$58.76 kinder classes for 4 rubbermaid bins to store above supplies

Motion: Frank motions to approve and Craig seconds

7.1.4. Suggestion to buy equipment to improve the quality of conferencing for parent council – Carolyn will look into it.

8. Administration's Update: see appended Admin's Report to School Council Jan 2020

8.1. Suggestion that school admins communicate the status of student activities impacted by the job action in weekly messages. School admin will provide updates on status of school play in the short term.

9. New Business:

9.1. Question about field trips: why are there so few field trips this year? Reason is that most field trips are organized for the second half of the school year, and now the job action is preventing teachers from organizing field trips. The Parent Council runs the annual winter walk, so we should still be able to organize it if we stay on the school property. Diane and Caroline will look into feasibility.

9.2. Suggestion from Juliet about organizing donations of families' excess toys to the school or to a sister school. Caroline suggests looking at CHEO fundraisers run at other schools as ideas. Carolyn agrees that Parent Council can consider idea of a toy sale as a possible fundraiser.

10. Next school council meeting - February 19, 2020

11. Adjournment was at 9pm.

Admin's Report to School Council Jan 2020

- **Important Updates:**
 - Ongoing professional dialogue and development:
 - Supports / Differentiation / IEP's / Consultations with board personnel (SEA equipment, Early learning team, Curriculum coaches, Program coaches (gifted), Behaviour EA, etc.)
 - Meetings with many staff members to hear celebrations and concerns
 - School Learning plan:
 - Three staff members attended a one day training with Math Coach
 - School Wellness plan:
 - Continue with the WITS Conflict Resolution strategies
 - Introduce/implement the ZONES of regulation (recognizing emotions and helpful tools to help us self-regulate)
 - Healthy Transitions sessions delivered by Public Health Nurse to grades 5/6 A and B (series of 6 sessions delivered weekly starting this Monday)
 - Labour relations update:
 - Updates are coming more regularly and rapidly
 - Specific updates (refer to notes for specifics)
 - Any questions or concerns, please call me
 - Facilities update: (Shelley meets with Manny Tuesdays for updates)
 - Work order for pricing of sails - still in the queue
 - Work order for yard drainage - contractor scheduled to come Nov 1st to clean drain, unfortunately it was cancelled - they will be coming again this spring
 - AC - Superintendent is aware of request
 - Any ideas for team effort towards cleaning brush and adding mulch to areas near parking lot are appreciated
 - Two items are being sought by Chief 1) grass seed 2) power broom to clean grit faster
 - Wish List:
 - Science order placed
 - Outdoor equipment received (Mr S ordered toboggans)
- **Important Dates:**
 - Jan 23: Crazy hat day
 - Jan 24: PD Day/Report Card writing day/No school for students
 - Jan 28-29: Mathletes
 - Feb 6: Yaki concert for Kinder, Gr 1, Gr 2
 - Feb 14: PD Day/Ministry of Education Math improvement focus
 - Feb 25: Toonie Tuesday
 - Mar 16-20: March Break/No school for students
- **Priorities for OCDSB –**
 - A continued focus on improving Math skills and scores