



Pleasant Park Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

March 17 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you here!
2. Approval of Agenda and February's meeting Minutes
 - a. Diane motions to accept the Agenda, and Cecelia seconds.
 - b. Diane motions to accept the Minutes from February 17, 2021, and Kimberley seconds.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Opening Cash: \$18,005
 - b. Amount raised/parent donated: \$5,468
 - c. Amount spent: \$5,385
 - d. Amount committed: \$11,314
 - e. Current available balance: \$7,274
4. Council Update:
 - a. Request for cross-country ski rentals for Grades 4-5-6 classes \$300. **Lisa Motions to approve and Cecelia seconds.**
 - b. Update on Thistle Cres parking issues
 - i. Vivian highlights work to address dismissal challenges. School has elicited support from superintendent and facilities staff to find solutions, and it will take time to address issue in the best way.
 - c. Staff Appreciation "Warm and Welcome" coffee: executive made decision to provide \$88.10 for coffee (in lieu of Staff Appreciation lunch which may not happen again this year in June).
 - d. Parent Council sent a letter to the Superintendent asking for paving of official path from tennis courts onto school property and asking for an update on air conditioning request/school electrical updates for Council purchased air conditioners.
 - e. PRO grant speaker booking: Parent Council will poll parents on what kind of speaker to procure, via FaceBook and MailChimp.



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- f. Christmas tree Bird feeder donation from PPPS parent: parent has offered to donate up to 30 bird feeders to the school.
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6. Fundraising
 - a. FlipGive update: fundraised an additional \$30 since last cheque
 - b. Pizza night update: \$44 raised in February. Pizza Pizza will provide us with promotional gifts to support a fundraising event.
 - c. Bingo Night update: still looking at when to schedule.
 - d. What are we fundraising for in the next 3 months? We need to think as a council about what we want to raise funds for.
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7. Discussion Items:
 - a. Luv2Groove update (\$1300 virtual programming for the whole school; ½ price of what we were going to pay last year): Parent Council supports virtual sessions. Megan will reach out to find out dates for virtual sessions and report for next Parent Council meeting.
 - b. Outdoor sundial project funding
 - c. School Picture/Yearbook: Vivian reports we are still awaiting school board decision on elementary School Pictures and Yearbooks. There is concern that a Yearbook would not be inclusive as it would be very difficult to include photos of all students. Megan proposes alternative: Each Grade 6 student could create their own page to be included in a book. Carolyn asks Parent Council to think about whether to support moving forward with Yearbook if we get approval to take school pictures.
 - d. Recess concerns
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8. Outdoor Initiatives Committee
 - a. Parent and teacher surveys are completed, low participation rate. Seating in shade was a frequent ask.
 - b. Manny is working with the board to get an outdoor classroom approved as a standing item with the board. Current plan is to purchase four picnic tables to create a basic outdoor classroom. Lower cost option is \$1,200 per table, including installation. Higher cost option is \$2,600 per unit; these are available through the board. Committee will get more information about each option. Council will wait to decide on this, will review again next meeting.



- c. Human sundial project would likely cost at most a few hundred dollars. No board approval is required. **Lisa motions to approve funding up to \$300 for a human sundial, and Kimberley seconds it.**
9. Administration's Update (See Admin Report to School Council appended below.)
 - a. Students are spending considerable time transitioning from outdoors to indoors due to COVID measures, and this can be difficult for students. There have been several student injuries outdoors, and school is responding.
10. New Business
 - a. Staff Appreciation Lunch: Cecelia has proposed a group e-card to show appreciation, in lieu of Staff Appreciation Lunch in June, which will likely be cancelled. Other ideas are also welcomed.
11. Next school council meeting - April 7 at 6:45 (March Break is scheduled for April 12).
12. Adjournment was at 8:40pm.



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Statement of Financial Position
As of March 17, 2021

	<u>Mar 17/21</u>	<u>Jul 31/20</u>
Assets		
Cash	18,088	26,908
Liabilities		
Pizza/popcorn credits	-	8,903
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	18,088	18,005
Total liabilities & net assets	<u>18,088</u>	<u>26,908</u>

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Statement of Operations
For the period September 1 - March 17, 2021

	<u>Committed 20-21</u>	<u>Actual 20-21</u>	
Revenues			
Parent donations	-	4,840	
Pro grant	-	500	
Miscellaneous fundraising	-	128	
Total revenues	-	<u>5,468</u>	
Expenditures			Remaining commitments
Scientists in Schools	4,800	-	4,800
LUV to groove	4,068	-	4,068
Kinder equipment	3,500	3,296	-
In-class sensory equipment	525	472	-
Educator allotments	3,600	1,154	2,446
Teacher appreciation	-	88	-
Council administration	367	375	-
Total expenditures	<u>16,860</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>11,314</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(16,860)</u>	<u>83</u>	
Cash available to spend:			
Current cash position	18,088		
Remaining commitments	(11,314)		
Sub-total	6,774		
Fundraising estimate	500		
Cash available to spend	<u>7,274</u>		



Admin Report to School Council - March, 2021

Thank you everyone. It's great to be together this evening. Longer days, warmer weather, and melting snow are welcome and uplifting signs of spring! Our students are looking forward to increased time outside, and getting rid of bulky winter wear.

We've been enjoying a fun filled spirit week, and the change of pace was appreciated by all! Thank you from all staff to our School Council for the Welcome and Warm Up Coffee on Monday - it was a treat to have hot coffee throughout the day.

Our "Caught You Being Kind" initiative has been a huge hit, and special thanks go out to our student council for reading samples each day on the announcements. Next, we are working with a huge world map, which will indicate where each person at Pleasant Park comes from, or associates with, as their place in the world. This could be family origin, or a nation we feel we belong to...and different coloured flag pins will begin to show "Near or Far...we all belong at PPAR!" Our class puzzle pieces which reflect what it feels like to belong to our school, will also begin to take shape, all in an effort to highlight each student's voice, with a focus on what we need to belong, and how we contribute to others' sense of belonging. We are incredibly grateful for Megan's involvement in all these positive plans for inclusivity, equity and inclusion. She spearheads and supports it all!

In our recent survey about family wishes for next year, we added a few questions to help us with how we might better serve all our families with communication, as we know so many are not feeling included. We will share these results and our plans to improve at our next meeting. Huge thanks to Susan, our MLO, for helping us to translate the questions for us.

Health and safety continues to be a priority, especially with the new virus variants. Our sincere thanks to Yael-Jennifer Pheiffer, a parent, and Rose Leblanc from Masks for Kids and Adults Ottawa, and all her sewing friends for donating many homemade cloth masks to support our children in need.

Our Breakfast program is going well, and students are able to have a quick snack to begin their day, as needed. All are welcome to participate, and we are doing our best to provide healthy, safe options including scones, cheese strings and apple sauce.

A continued reminder to all families to engage in the screening process before students attend school each day. We respond to any student with symptoms in a consistent way, following Public Health guidelines. We have had several community based positive cases, but no outbreak in the school so far. This will be due to our cleaning protocols as well as our diligence in calling home to report a sick child. Thank you to all families for your understanding and support.



While we have not been able to have parents on school property before school, or during dismissal, we continue to address the state of the field and pathways, where parents are trying to pick up or drop off their children. We are doing our best to address this concern, as well as the traffic/parking issues that are concerning to many. Rest assured, this is complex, and we are hearing many different perspectives. Thanks in advance for your continued patience and support. Communication will be forthcoming.

I don't have an update yet about my time here at Pleasant Park, but I hope to very soon. Please know that I am able to stay as long as I'm needed and in the meantime, we are so grateful for Megan, and her passion and commitment for the work here at Pleasant Park PS.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and patience as we work through, and celebrate, this challenging year together.