



Pleasant Park Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 21 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you here! Land acknowledgement by Carolyn.
2. Approval of Agenda and March's meeting Minutes
 - a. Diane motions to accept the Minutes from March 17, 2021, and Kimberley seconds.
 - b. Gillian motions to accept the Agenda, and Lisa seconds.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Opening Cash: \$18,005
 - b. Amount raised/parent donated: \$6,101
 - c. Amount spent: \$6,695
 - d. Amount committed: \$10,304
 - e. Current available balance: \$7,107
4. Council Update:
 - a. Scientists in Schools PRO grant update - May 5: Approximately seven classes have held a Scientists in Schools session so far. Because of shutdown, sessions need to be virtual. Kits will be shipped to Carolyn and parents will pick up supplies from Carolyn's driveway. Limited number of kits, so first 60 parents to sign up will get them. To be equitable, we will send out email to all parents the evening before, and we will offer information in Arabic as well, and we will provide both online and phone registration options.
 - b. Succession planning - Co-Chair shadowing?: This is Carolyn's last year
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. FlipGive update
 - ii. Pizza night update: fundraiser has been steady, earning around \$25 per week. We received five decks of UNO cards and four \$10 gift cards from Pizza Pizza to give away as prizes at Bingo Night.

- iii. Bingo Night update: Three separate bingo night events on Thursday nights, paired with the pizza night fundraiser.

6. Administration's Update (See Admin Report to School Council appended below.)
 - a. First COVID outbreak at PPS last week; contact tracing was undertaken.
 - b. Two more primary classes planned for 2021-2022.
 - c. Thank you to parents for cooperation with new kindergarten dismissal protocol.
 - d. Grade 6 memory books are in progress, will go home to all graduates.
 - e. Charlene provides presentation to Parent Council on certain class projects.

7. Discussion Items:

- a. Luv2Groove update: Likely will not go forward this year due to concerns about the value of the online program

8. Outdoor Initiatives Committee update

- a. **Outdoor Education Initiative Picnic Table Proposal**

Proposal - Create a small area with seating located on the grassy area between the two sets of portables at Pleasant Park Public School. The area would serve the staff and students as a small break out area for outdoor learning.

The purchase of these picnic tables and the installation of the previously approved human sundial constitute *phase 1* of our Outdoor Education Initiative for the school. We would like to welcome the students back to school in September 2021 with these two projects completed, ready for some amazing outdoor learning opportunities.

Funding request:

- Purchase three wooden picnic tables (pine tops and galvanized piping framework) on standing tender from the OCDSB. Two regular tables with seating capacity (non Covid times) of 6 and one accessible table with seating capacity of 6. Total capacity of 18.
- Lifespan of 10-15 years.
- Possibly requiring a duckbill anchor or chaining attached if there are high vandalism concerns.
- A hole for an umbrella doesn't exist, but can be created.

Cost of \$1251 per regular table, \$1295 per accessible table - 5% discount (for purchase of 3-4 tables) = total cost of **\$3607.15**. The board information stipulates this includes installation. This is a savings of \$3689.80 over the galvanized metal picnic tables.

The Outdoor Education Committee also recommends the purchase of three (3) market umbrellas at approximately \$300. The board has told us we are free to purchase these on our own. Our staff survey indicated that shade was an important consideration for outdoor learning.

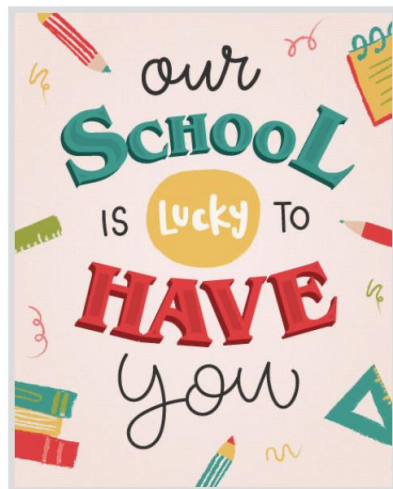
Total funding request of **\$3907.15**

Gillian motions to approve up to \$7,500 for the purchase of six picnic tables for students, and Lisa seconds.

9. New Business

- a. Staff Appreciation alternatives to our traditional lunch - group e-card \$5 set up <https://www.groupgreeting.com/about> see example below

Gillian motions to provide up to \$10 for this initiative and Lisa seconds.



- b. Document camera in teacher Phil Harper's classroom is broken, needs to be repaired or replaced, was originally purchased by Parent Council.
Diane motions to approve Phil Harper to send document camera out for repair up to cost of replacing it, and Lisa seconds.
- c. Request for funding: \$101.68 for two butterfly kits for kinder classes



Gillian motions to approve and Lisa seconds.

10. Next school council meeting - May 19 at 6:45pm.

11. Adjournment was at 8:15pm.



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**Pleasant Park School Parent Council
Statement of Financial Position
As of April 21, 2021**

| | <u>Apr 21/21</u> | <u>Jul 31/20</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash | 17,411 | 26,908 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Pizza/popcorn credits | - | 8,903 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 17,411 | 18,005 |
| Total liabilities & net assets | <u>17,411</u> | <u>26,908</u> |

**Pleasant Park School Parent Council
Statement of Operations
For the period September 1 - April 21, 2021**

| | <u>Committed 20-21</u> | <u>Actual 20-21</u> | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Parent donations | - | 4,935 | |
| Pro grant | - | 500 | |
| Miscellaneous fundraising | - | 666 | |
| Total revenues | <u>-</u> | <u>6,101</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 | 2,164 | 1,436 |
| Ski rentals | 300 | 300 | |
| Outdoor sundial | 300 | - | 300 |
| Teacher appreciation | - | 88 | - |
| Council administration | 367 | 375 | - |
| Total expenditures | <u>16,860</u> | <u>6,695</u> | <u>10,304</u> |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures | <u>(16,860)</u> | <u>(594)</u> | |
| Cash available to spend: | | | |
| Current cash position | 17,411 | | |
| Remaining commitments | <u>(10,304)</u> | | |
| Sub-total | 7,107 | | |
| Fundraising estimate | <u>168</u> | | |
| Cash available to spend | <u>7,275</u> | | |



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Admin Report to School Council - April 2021

Good to see you all, and thanks for joining in this evening. We hope the children all enjoyed their break last week...knowing that life is still far from normal for them and all our families. Students will be engaging in remote learning until further notice. We all continue to pay close attention to the news from our Ministry, OPH and our school board, and will be sure to share any updates with our Pleasant Park families.

As you are all probably aware, we had our first school COVID outbreak declared last week. Two cases in the same class were determined to be related. All protocols were followed, and Megan and I worked over the break with OPH to prepare the contract tracing requirements. Those affected by the virus are doing well, thank goodness.

Before the April break, students were enjoying increased time outdoors for various classes of study. We've been supporting our students during recess and less structured play opportunities to find games that don't require equipment...which is a real challenge after all these months. One class is piloting using some equipment and we hope to include other classes, the challenge being cleaning the soccer or basketballs and not sharing between cohorts. More to come on this once we are back to school.

Our whole school Belonging initiative is a big success! Thanks to Megan for all your work coordinating with staff and students, and for the beautiful display. The goal is not only to hear what students need to feel they belong in their class and school community, but also to learn what responsibilities we have to be sure others feel they belong.

We are well into our staffing process for the 2021-2022 school year. The school board provides us with projected numbers and a school organization chart that we work from to begin planning tentative assignments. Tentative classes are as follows:

5 Kindergarten (down one class)

4 grade 1

1 grade 1/2

3 grade 2

3 grade 3

2 grade 4

2 grade 5

2 grade 6



We don't have updated information on the OCV school plans as yet, which may affect some of our staff, so we will share when we are able. As well we hope to have some information about administration for next year, by the end of the month.

Thank you to all families for your continued support and cooperation with our changes in Kindergarten dismissal. We have found it to be pretty smooth...connecting siblings, supporting physical distancing, and even had an inclement weather day! We hope this attends to some of the safety concerns for walking parents and alleviates some of the congestion on neighbouring streets. We are very grateful for your flexibility!

Safe Schools policies have been revised and are available on the board website for Schools Councils to provide consultation and feedback. Links below:

- <https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=31997834>
- safeschools.consultation@ocdsb.ca

Continuing Education has offered summer learning for grade 6 students, link below. We will also include this information in our parent updates.

- [2021 Summer School Programs - Elementary Students](#)

Update on Grade 6 memory books from Megan... Working with Shelley H to develop a plan that involves all of the grade 6's (they'll create their own page that represents them then they'll do a cover contest where all students will vote on their favourite - estimating it'll be appx 30 pages and can be printed in colour for graduates now just thinking about how we approach this virtually for the time being)

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