



Pleasant Park *Public School* **Parent Council**

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Pleasant Park Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 27 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome, it's nice to see you here! Land acknowledgement by Melissa.
 - a) Introduction of new Parent Council co-chair, Kim Hunton

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - a) Emily motions to approve the Agenda, and Diane seconds.
 - b) Juliet motions to accept the Minutes from September 22, 2021, and Lisa seconds.

3. Financial Report
 - a) Opening Cash: \$8,268
 - b) Amount raised: 1,005
 - c) Amount spent: (148)
 - d) Current balance: 9,125

4. Council Update
 - a) Fresh from the Farm update: Fundraiser went well, raised \$889 for the school, and we have received orders for over 65 bundles of vegetables and apples to be donated to the food bank to support families in our community.
 - i. Juliet asks if we can do a spring fundraiser as well. Parent Council will look into the possibility.
 - b) Revision of appropriate use of technology policy by OCDSB: reviewed by Parent Council in meeting.
 - i. Diane notes that the policy states that there will be equal access to technology, but in practice this has not been achieved, with different access to technology between schools depending on parent council purchases.
 - ii. Principal Rick notes that most Chromebooks lent out last year have been returned by parents and are all being put to good use. We should be expecting an update from the board on timelines for new technology mandates.



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- c) Outdoor initiatives update: Outdoor classroom options presented by Lisa, Outdoor Initiatives Committee
 - i. Five outdoor classroom options identified
 - ii. Average cost for outdoor classroom is \$56,000
 - iii. Rick states that there is board funding available for a portion of the cost, and the school and Parent Council would need to raise the rest. Parent Council would need to raise certain funds, perhaps \$15,000, to get into the queue with the board for an outdoor classroom.
 - iv. Juliet expresses concern about mulch regarding accessibility, asks if it is possible to have semi-permanent roofing. Lisa notes that the board has approved the accessibility of the classrooms and that sail roofing is prohibitively expensive.
 - v. Emily suggests reaching out to other schools that have outdoor classrooms to learn about issues they have had. Rick encourages Parent Council to reach out to other schools for their feedback, says that in his experience, every school that has an outdoor classroom loves it.

6. Decision Items

- a) Funding Requests
 - i. Diane requests funding to supplement \$70 raised for outdoor equipment last year in bingo nights: 2 badminton nets - \$113, 10 frisbees - \$68
Motion - Juliet motions to approve up to \$200 for badminton nets and frisbees, and Emily seconds. Motion approved.
- b) Educator allotment - \$100 per Educator (39) \$3,900
 - i. Angela: Last year teachers claimed \$2,354 of the allotted funds
 - ii. Diane expresses support for these funds, as it eases the approval of small requests from teachers.
Motion - Emily motions to approve \$100 per Educator (39) \$3,900, and Diane seconds. Motion approved.
- c) Outdoor classroom project: Will require a big fundraising push, need to be able to offer charitable receipts.
 - i. Diane emphasizes importance of planning fundraising well. We should generate excitement about the project first and then launch a well-thought-out fundraiser.



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Motion – Emily motions to approve commencing fundraising for outdoor classroom project and Laleah seconds. Motion approved.

7. Administration's Update

- a) New kindergarten class has made all the kinder classes a much nicer size.
- b) Progress report coming out.
- c) Meet the teacher night last week – very impressive presentations by teachers.
- d) We have 29 classes and around 550 students. We are still adding students.
- e) Principal Shelly is hoping to return in January.

8. New Business

- a) Diane reports on clothing sale. There is a company in Toronto that runs an all-year clothing sale, but not sure this is a good idea. Recommend working with a company in Ottawa, could be a fundraiser for the school. Juliet wonders if it would be possible to get clothing sale up before Christmas. Diane will aim to launch in time for Christmas.
- b) Juliet wonders if there is potential for building a roofed structure in Playfair Park.
- c) Juliet asks if there are updates on when we can have in-person meetings. Melissa believes in-person meetings may start in January, but events on school property might not be possible until April.

9. Next school council meeting - November 24 at 6:45

10. Adjournment was at 8:35pm.