



Pleasant Park Public School Council

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Pleasant Park School Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022 at 6:45pm

1. Welcome by Melissa Faulkner and Indigenous Affirmation by Juliet Knapton.

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - a. Emily motions to accept the Agenda, and Diane seconds.
 - b. Emily motions to approve the Minutes from April 27, 2022, and Diane seconds.

2. Financial Report
 - i. Opening Cash: \$8,268
 - ii. Amount raised: \$15,438
 - iii. Amount spent: \$2,153
 - iv. Amount Committed: (\$14,017)
 - v. Outdoor classroom
 - vi. Current balance: \$11,842
 - a. Social justice books purchased by the school, \$695: Angela wants to make sure that these books are the same as the books approved in November (\$705). Council agrees that these are the same books. Melissa will check with Megan to be completely sure.
 - b. Juliet asks if it would be possible to create an honorarium for the volunteers who translate council materials into Arabic.

2. Council Update
 - a. ProGrant Scientist in the School has been rescheduled to June 9th.
 - b. Outdoor initiatives update:
 - i. Sundial: Lisa notes that the sundial is damaged over time by the sand. Lisa will touch it up. Principal Mark notes that the school has funds that could be used to improve the sundial.
 - ii. Outdoor classroom: Lisa will look at ways to boost fundraising.
 - c. Pizza/Popcorn update:
 - i. Diane reports 342 accounts for pizza and popcorn. Jackie has been an invaluable support in distributing the food. Kathleen and Emily are also helping out and plan to continue next year. Diane has continued to accept



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new orders, but she will not accept any further orders this year. Extra pizza has been left for staff in the staff room. Discussion about what to do with the extra pizza. Do we want to figure out a way to distribute to families that could benefit from it? Diane will prepare a message for Mark to add to the newsletter to ask families if they are interested.

- ii. Popcorn: Papa Jacks is struggling to keep up with orders.
- d. School Clothing update: 83 items ordered. Fewer than items were donated. We make a very small amount of money on each clothing item because we round prices up, and Mark has contributed \$100, so we have around \$200 available to purchase additional clothing. Council agrees to use the money to purchase school t-shirts in a few sizes.
- e. Yearbook: Diane reports 128 yearbooks purchased, 21 donated, so 149 altogether. We only have 150 books, and there is still more demand. In past years we have ordered more books, but there was uncertainty this year because the yearbook was put together later than usual. Diane will set up a waitlist and will look into whether it is possible to order more. As there were many more donated books than usual, Diane will approach people who donated books to ask if they would like to be reimbursed, to free up some books to be sold to people on the wait list.
- f. End of year BBQ/ A taste of Pleasant Park: Diane reports lots of success so far. Still looking at including halal and Indian food. Entertainment will include bubble show, Luv to Groove, end the night at 6:15-7:00pm with bilingual magic show. Cost \$1000. Barbecue rental is \$1000. Balloons \$200. People will also be encouraged to bring their own food. Diane is hoping the event will break even, but could need up to \$2000 if it isn't possible to cover. Ordering will be online. There will be 10-15 families that need to use paper, and they will be able to pick the forms up at the school office. Teachers will distribute paper flyers to students.
 - i. **Emily motions up to \$2000 for the year-end celebration, and Juliet seconds. Motion approved.**
- g. Diversity & Inclusion update: Juliet reports that we secured Arabic and Dari translations.

3. Decision Items

4. Teacher rep update



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- a. Charlene reports that she has start up the robotics programming and competitions with the Grade 6 students.
 - b. Charlene reports on talent show, outdoor picnic, school garden, Grade 6 live interview with French music group, caterpillars/butterflies
5. Administration's Update
- a. The board is undertaking major work on the school grounds in the fall and winter. Discussion about trying to align construction of the outdoor classroom with the improvements to the grounds, to gain efficiencies. Mark will ask if it is possible to also remediate the grounds around the kinder yard.
 - b. Welcome-to-kindergarten presentation has been sent out.
 - c. EQAO in June.
 - d. Student talent show was held on Monday.
 - e. Election will be held at school on Thursday.
 - f. Report cards and Garde 6 leaving ceremony will be on June 29.
 - g. Ottawa Hydro providing presentation on electricity safety, well-timed.
6. New Business
7. Next school council meeting - September 28th at 6:45
8. Adjournment was at 9:05pm.