

Parent Council Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2011 – 7:00 p.m - Sherrie Upgang's House

Present: Graham Shindle, Denyse Nicholls, Dianne Derksen, Shirley Hildebrandt, Kim Nikkel, Donna Boitson, Jackie Klaassen, Chantelle Moffit, Mackenzie Miller, Tara Cormier, Alana Miller  
Absent: Jennifer Wolfe, Heather Fowler

Financial Report: Parent Council Fund - \$4077.72 Playground Fund - \$10,079.43

Staff Report: Tara Cormier (Kindergarten teacher) represented the staff. She introduced herself and gave a brief background on her history. She reported that the student council would like to hold a *pizza fundraiser* in *January/February*. *Grade 8's* will begin *Peer Tutoring* younger students this Thursday. The *backseat bookbags* that Parent Council helped purchase are working well in the K-3 classrooms. *Grade 4/5 Philanthropy* group will be selling *treat bags* for 50 cents at recess time during the last week of school. The *Christmas Concerts* were coming up – December 13 – school concert matinee at 1:00 and at 7:00 p.m Tiny Tots Nursery School concert would be held and then December 14 at 7:00 was the evening school concert. *Santa* will be *visiting* the classrooms on December 22 in the morning. Staff are looking at planning a *Family Skate* in February – more thought required. Staff are also in the planning stages of another *Festival du Oakville* with indoor and outdoor activities for an all day event in March. Graham reported that *PCI Building Construction* program were drawing up a plan to build the *picnic shelter* on site and he was still waiting for a final tally with a spring construction date in the plans. Also, Graham noted the *change of the pedestrian crosswalk* directly across from Ken's Autobody. He encourages the students to then use the sidewalk directly across from the crosswalk rather than walking down the streets.

Student Council Report: Mackenzie Miller (President)

- Pizza sale planned for Jan/February – they would like to keep the price very reasonable
- Canteen is in operation every Tuesday – order forms are available in every classroom. Had microwaves donated for their use.
- Jr. High fun days before Christmas are December 22 – curling all day, December 23 – curling in the morning, sock hop in the afternoon. Jr. High will have a pizza lunch on December 23.
- There will once again be a collection for a Christmas hamper. Looking for non-perishables and toys and the Student Council will be donating items as well.

Parent Council Chairperson: Sherrie reported that Shirley Hildebrandt and Kim Nikkel will be sharing the Chairperson role. Shirley will co-chair with Sherrie for the remainder of the year and then Kim will co-chair with Shirley for next year. The Chair position will be a stand-alone position with no class representation. The duties of the Chairperson will be divided according to abilities. The Chairperson will be the main contact person for the Principal, staff, parents. The *Secretary* position will be volunteer and could be a stand-alone position without class representation as well or perhaps a rotating secretarial position could be attempted among the class reps. More thought will be put into that role as the year progresses.

New Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser: Heather Fowler was ill for the meeting but reported that it was successful. No tallies were available at this time.

Trivia Night: A tentative date of Friday, April 20th has been set. Student council was asked to assist with the intermission games. We need to look at prizes for the paper bag auction. Alana has agreed to be the Quizmaster for the evening. More details will be planned in the new year. Proceeds from the evening will be set aside for the Swingset project.

Frames for the Ramp Entrance: After many plan changes etc, Josef Upgang has priced out and agreed to make 3 frames to highlight our teams, individual photos of sport events etc. These frames will open from the top and will have cork board backing and will be attached to the wall leading down to the gym. Parent council gave the okay to purchase the supplies necessary and they would cover those costs.

Rick Hansen Relay: January 26 around noon – the Rick Hansen relay team will be through Oakville. One nominee from Oakville School is eligible to participate. Candidates must be at least 13 years old which would mean only Grade 8 students could be nominated. Some Student Council members picked 3 potential nominees and a final choice has yet to be made.

Swing Set Project: Alana presented an analysis of the various research of Swing Set companies available to Manitoba. Blue IMP out of Winnipeg provided the best quote for swings as well as a list of many schools and playgrounds that have purchased their products across Manitoba. The cost of the swings will be \$6153.28. Operations department will assist with site preparation as they did with the Slidetopia playground structure. Dale Kirton Transport will provide the protective surfacing of 3/8" playground stone (82 yards) for a cost of \$3280.00.

Parent Council members were all in agreement and we will proceed with the purchase of the 8 swing addition to our playground for the upcoming spring.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 7:00 p.m Oakville School Library