

School Council Meeting Minutes - October 17th, 2024

Present: Sarah Roberts, Elissa Boughen, Joanna Marrelli, Dana Sinclair, Erin Hills, Melissa Snell, Nicole Bradley, Vicky Green, Lesley Sargia, Lynda Peterson, Patti Blundell

Welcomes and Introductions

A land acknowledgment written by the Grade 7/8s was read by Sarah. She will reach out to other classrooms to share their versions at upcoming meetings.

Principal Report - Erin Hills:

- Huge support for Terry Fox with over \$3200 raised. Students received many bonuses such as additional recess, duct taping Mr Y to the wall, and pieing the Principal in the face! The teachers all surprised the students by wearing blow up costumes for the walk. Huntsville and Lake of Bays firefighter volunteers closed the road and parent volunteers cheered from along the road.
- Meet the teacher BBQ was well attended, parents met educators and popped into the classrooms. Parent council helped to plan and serve the BBQ. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- Thanksgiving feast was another special event. Some guests of honor including TLDSB director, Superintendent, and Irwin Trustee attended, as well as Community Safety officer and TLDSB Mental Health counsellor. Feedback from everyone was very positive.
- Anti bullying show has been postponed to January 9th.
- Intermediate trip is booked, 3 days, 2 nights in Montreal in early June. Fundraising has begun.
- Heather Douglas came to do school photos and retakes.
- EQAO results are in, Grade 3 76% of our students are at the provincial standard or above in reading, 71% in writing and 76% in math. In grade 6, 55% are at provincial standard or above in reading, 73% in writing and 27% in math. Only 11 grade 6 students wrote the test last year so percentages can be skewed easily. EQAO results link: <https://www.tlidsb.ca/media-release-tlidsb-shares-the-2023-2024-eqao-assessme-nt-scores/>
- We have a New EA, Kaitlyn Vince, in a transitional position.
- November 21st for parent/teacher interviews

Chair update/month in review:

- - \$670 raised from the dip n dots fundraiser at meet the teacher BBQ. Thank you to Tiffany and Crystal for this generous donation!
 - Halloween costume switch out went great and something to consider doing again.
- - Poppy project is a go, and poppies have been ordered. \$63.50 spent for the whole school to participate.
- - Thanksgiving feast, 17 parent volunteers, smiles all around. Notes were taken to take into consideration for next year.
- - Feast total costs amounted to \$435 thanks to the generous donations of turkey from Websters Beacon, buns from Henriettas bakery, apples from Arrowhead camp and a monetary donation from Sarah Lock which went towards buying most of the stuffing. There is turkey can carrots left over for the next hot lunch, gravy powder for next year and pumpkin pies left for the next bake sale. Big thank you to LOB for lending us the community center, and Arrowhead camp for the use of the commercial kitchen. HUGE thank you to all parent vounteers and the Irwin students and staff for growing some of the potatoes and carrots for the feast and creating the cutest centerpieces.

Treasure Report - Nicole:

- \$3600 in the fund, \$3000 has been already approved to go towards the anti bullying and anti racism speakers.
- Dip n dots money (\$670) will go towards the speakers. Total for both speakers will be approximately \$4683
- \$960 set aside for next years graduation fund (as prices went up per student)
- \$382 still to come out for Thanksgiving feast.

Hot Lunch - Dana and Joanna:

- With the wish list growing, we can start communicating as to what proceeds will be going to each month.
- October 24th, next hot lunch Turkey soup, Bullocks Independent donating dinner rolls, yoghurt parfait for dessert. Sponsors this month are Robinsons/Baysville General Store
- Community center kitchen going to be used for when it's available for hot lunches. Thanks to LOB for waiving the cost!
- Business sponsorship list, will be going through that and trying not to hit the same businesses too often.
- New thank you card? Erin will speak to staff about classrooms creating thank you cards for us to hand out when needed.
- Sweet days...TLDSB guidelines bind schools to 10 days, dip n dots was one already this year.
- Hot lunches with super obvious desserts, and bake sales took up last years treat days
- Camp Olympia will be donating things before shutting down the camp.

Breakfast Program - Lynda:

- Lynda is doing the shopping and menu planning and is trying to keep costs to \$.50 a chld per day.
- All is going well, there are parent volunteers for prep and serve every morning for about 45 minutes each day.
- Serving lots of Fresh fruits, veggies, with dairy and the occasional eggs, providing dietary restrictions to all who need them each day.
- Serving grains, once or twice a week.
- If costs can be cut down, we can provide more food.
- Linda has a meeting with the Lions club who will hopefully be providing more funding and perhaps additional help with food prep

Fundraising:

- Irwin swag we could add an extra \$1 or \$2 to put towards yellow t shirts?
- Poinsettia fundraiser?
- Talk to Lake of Bays Garden Centre, and see what product they can offer to help us fundraise.
- Lynda working on securing the Smile Cookie fundraiser. It is a big one and money raised could go towards finishing the outdoor structure. It needs floor, vinyl sides for wind and rain and more seating.

Wish List:

- Mrs Maxwell, Melissa and Doug doll house.
- Mr Y. , 12-20 new yellow t shirts to replace stained shirts. Grade 2-8 students use them for track and field, cross country running and badminton. Sarah reached out to Novelty Mann and the Markham's who offered to donate some new ones!
- Mrs. Conner, science, math and literacy tools: \$430 (Grade 1-2 class)
- GB Plumbing offering pipe for a new 9 square for Kent Maxwell's class to work on.

Next meeting: December 5th @ 7pm