

The Prince Charles School

Parent Council

MINUTES

Date: January 28, 2021

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Attendance- Amanda P, Krista N, Christine A, Kelley M, Allison M, Erin T, Carrie K, Carrie M, Jenny M, Anna H, Sarah G, Mike A, Dawn W, Mya P

**Confirmation of previous minutes - Amanda Pringle, Erin Thrower**

**1.0 Business Arising from previous minutes**

1.1 Grants for outdoor classroom

- Kinsmen Club denied funds
- Rotary Club of Kingston application is due Jan 29
- Outdoor playground will need to be fully funded by grants

**ACTION: Amanda Pringle to apply for Rotary Club**

1.2 Teachers Fund - Family Day is the deadline

-Teachers fund total is standing at \$1222.26 (This includes the outdoor funds of \$2 per student)

**ACTION- Carrie Kish to send reminder to staff regarding unspent funds that are due by family day)**

1.3 Outdoor Toy Purchase - Was due November 30

- Teachers purchased several activities that have been enjoyed during recess; tennis balls, shovels, sleds etc.
- Easy to keep track of because teachers are supervising their own classes

**2.0 Standing Items**

2.1 Principal and Vice Principal Report

Virtual Learning

- Our school had very good attendance; much better then in the spring
- The school loaned out 200 devices and all technology was returned quickly and in great condition

## LESSA Basketball Challenge

- Virtual classes teaching layups and free throw
- Large gym is now open to compete in the virtual challenge
- 6 teams will move on
- Junior and intermediate have access to the gym for a few weeks and then will rotate to primary

## Report Cards

- Reports go home on Feb 17
- Reports will note that it is a Covid year, however the expectations have not changed
- Math grade has changed from 5 subsections to only 1 mark

## Literacy Week

- Disappointed that we could not participate in our annual event where students got to go to every class where that teacher would read a story
- Christine Aikens created a virtual map of the teachers reading a book and the students were able to explore this virtually in their own classes
- Read Alouds have been included in the virtual announcements with great feedback from the students

## Technology

- Grades 1-8 closer to having 1:1 devices, we are about 50 chromebooks short to make this happen
- The school has enough Ipads to have 10 in each kindergarten room
- The school has purchased 25 chromebooks 2 days ago; still requiring 8 at minimum which equals to about \$2,500
- Asking council to purchase the 8 Chromebooks
  - after discussion within council; council decided to contribute a total of \$5000 towards the purchase of the Chromebooks. This will be approximately 15 total. The school will purchase the remaining 10 to have 1:1

## Literacy Update

- Of the 78 english students in our school between grades 3-8 who were not yet reading at grade level, 87% of them increased their reading level by 2 or more levels over the course of the last 2.5 months.

-French Immersion has mainly focused on grades 2-4 which has resulted in students reading 2+ levels above where they were in December. The focus will now be on the intermediate in hopes to have their levels increased by March break

## 2.2 Treasurer's Report

-Teachers fund including outdoor equipment = \$1222.26

-Withdrawal of \$2000 towards Lexia was made

-LDSB grant of \$500 was deposited

-Total in account currently is \$10,827.49

## 2.3 Hot Lunch Report

-N/A

## 3.0 New Business

### 3.1 Funds to support a school family

- Discussed the family that lost their mom

-Council donated \$250 towards meals from The Catering Company; the school also contributed \$250

We thanked everyone; teachers and parents for successfully navigating the online learning. Everyone came together and made it successful

Set date for next meeting

- March 25, 2021 @ 6:30