

**The Prince Charles School
Parent Council
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Present: Amanda Pringle, Michelle Way, Dawn Wansborough, Michelle Crawford, Sarah Belanger, Julia Sparkes, Carrie Kish, Justine Feeney, Erin Thrower-Fenney, Chantell McMahon, Krista Nitschke, Sarah Wellwood.

1.0 Confirmation of previous minutes – confirmed.

2.0 Business Arising from previous minutes

2.1 Boo Bash Success – This years Boo Bash was another success. We had many families attend, dressed in costumes. The Haunted House was a hit again this year. The classroom that organized it did a phenomenal job. Areas for improvement for future: Try to reduce length of Haunted House line and food line, order more milkshakes. The profit for this event was \$2665.52.

2.2 Picnic Table Quotes – Erin is getting three quotes for picnic tables to be installed in the front the of the school for student to use for an outdoor classroom, lunch area and an area for parents to gather when waiting for students. The tables will include a wheelchair accessible space. The goal is to purchase 6 tables. Parent Council will help fund a portion of their purchase. The quotes will include the cost for installation. **ACTION:** Erin to gather three quotes to share with Council.

2.2 Teacher Fund – Teachers still have time to use the teachers fund. Many have already.

2.3 Poinsettia Volunteers (November 27th) – The orders will be delivered during the school day on November 27th. Families can pick up their orders between 2:30 pm and 6 pm. The plan is to sort the orders by plant type, rather than by name. Families will be taken around the small gym to collect their orders. Justine and Michelle Crawford have offered to help organize the orders during the day.

3.0 Standing Items

3.1 Principal's Report

Clubs – continue to be successful. Bricks4Kids and Girls Inc. are two clubs running currently.

Running club – had another successful year. 60 children are participating in the running club and many still want to run in colder weather.

Bus Patrollers – some students in grades 6 & 7 have been selected to be trained as bus patrollers. Training will be provided on November 14, 2019.

Yard Changes – The grade 7&8 students will no longer go to the front yard for recess. They will return to an area in the back yard.

Inspiring a love of writing – This will be an area of focus this year, in addition to reading.

Improving the French Climate – there will be a focus on improving the climate and culture of French within the school. Students will hear and see French within the school. The goal is to build engagement and excitement in both immersion and core French.

Staffing – updates to staffing were shared.

Physical literacy – some staff have recently had the opportunity to participate in training related to physical literacy. This training was then shared with all teachers.

Kids Only Room – will need donations of paper, tape, ribbon, bags, etc. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the day on Tuesday, December 17th, 2019.

ACTION: Amanda Pringle to post request for donations and volunteers on the School Council Facebook page.

Attendance – The school would like to improve attendance. More effort will be made to ensure families are aware of the importance of regular attendance and are supported when attendance is low.

Milkshake orders – Orders will go home on paper. This is an exception as most purchases are done on School-Day. The orders will be organized by a classroom as part of their learning therefore they will be purchased by cash.

Overview of EQAO results from 2018-19 – A summary of the results was shared.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$16924. We currently owe \$8100.00 for the playground equipment. The profit for the Boo Bash (included in the above balance) was \$2665.52.

ACTION: Justine to pay current installment owing on playground equipment.

3.3 Hot Lunch Report

Chantell had nothing to report.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Movie Night – Movie night will take place on Thursday, November 27, 2019. Two movies were chosen – The Grinch and Wonderpark. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

4.2 McDonald's Fundraiser – Other schools have partnered with McDonald's to have a portion of purchases on a specific date donated to their school. **ACTION:** Amanda Pringle to contact McDonald's Napanee for more details.

4.3 Bringing reusable water bottles to events – We will no longer provide single use plastic water bottles at our events. Will consider selling TPCS reusable water bottles. **ACTION:** Amanda Pringle to post a message on the School Council Facebook page letting families know we will longer be selling single use water bottles at events, encouraging families to bring refillable ones.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm