

**The Prince Charles School
Parent Council
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Present: Amanda Pringle, Dawn Wansborough, Michelle Crawford, Justine Feeney, Krista Nitschke, Sarah Wellwood.

1.0 Business Arising from previous minutes

1.1 Picnic Tables –ACTION: Erin to gather three quotes to share with Council.
COMPLETE.

Quotes have been received for 6 wooden picnic tables including wheelchair accessible tables and installation.

ACTION: Krista will share the quotes with facilities.

1.2 Teacher Fund – 9 teachers have accessed the teachers fund. There is still time for others to submit receipts for reimbursement. Deadline for submission is February 17, 2020.

1.3 Poinsettia review – Poinsettias sales provided a \$453 profit.

1.4 Movie Night Review – Movie night was successful although we would like to increase attendance. Profit was \$235.00.

1.5 Reusable Water bottles – Quotes for TPCS branded water bottles were reviewed. The group decided to purchase 500 reusable water bottles that will be yellow with black graphics and writing. The bottles will be sold at events such as Boo Bash, Fun Fair for \$3.00 each.

ACTION: Amanda to order the chosen water bottles.

2.0 Standing Items

2.1 Principal and Vice Principal Report

Literacy week will still take place as activities are planned during the school day. Activities include PJ day and reading tour. Some writing activities will also be incorporated.

Staffing – updates to staffing were shared.

Clubs continue as usual as most happen during the school day.

Math continues to be a focus. The work with the math consultant is currently on hold.

Literacy focus – January – the staff have been working with a consultant. This has been positive for the school.

Engaging volunteers – The school is interested in engaging more volunteers. Parent Council members are asked to consider ways the school can engage more.

Community Partnerships – the school would also like to leverage more community partnerships.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is \$13791. We currently paid ~\$7000 toward playground equipment. We will also mark ~\$7000 to pay for picnic tables.

2.3 Hot Lunch Report

Deferred.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Valentine's dance – The date for the Valentine's dance was changed to Thursday, February 6th, 2020 from 6-7 pm due to volunteer availability. We will offer a bake sale and popcorn. Students will be encouraged to lead themed dances. The cost will be \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Popcorn will be included in the price. Adults are free. Families will be asked to bring a reusable water bottle as water bottles will not be sold. We will offer a door prize. Paper cups will be provided for use at the water foundation. Any volunteers will be provided with a ticket for the bake sale.

ACTION: Amanda to request bake sale donations on Facebook.
Sarah will organize the themed dances.
Amanda to contact DJ Rob to see if he is available.

3.2 Movie Night – Movie night will take place on March 6th, 2020. Two movies were chosen – Dora and Abominable. Cost will be \$2.00 per child. The colour house that wins the most points for bring in maker space items will win a free ticket to the dance. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn was ordered by Amanda.

ACTION: Krista will look after the tickets for the colour house winners.

3.3 McDonald's Fundraiser – A portion of food sold between 4-8 pm at McDonald's Napanee on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Children will be given two coupons which they must submit in order for our school to get a portion of the proceeds.

ACTION: Parent council volunteers are needed for this event.
Notice to be sent via Twitter, Facebook and Messenger.

3.4 Acoustics in Large gym – audio system – Sarah brought forward a request to purchase a wearable audio system that includes panel speaker and 2 transmitters. This system

will help to improve communication in the large gym where educators are finding the acoustics make it difficult to effectively communicate in this large space. Council members felt this equipment would be a worthwhile investment as it will benefit many students. Council members agreed to cover half of the cost of the equipment, up to \$1000.00.

ACTION: Sarah will look into ordering the system.

3.5 Paint Nite – A council member brought forward a suggestion to host a paint night for adults and children as a fundraiser for the school. Members felt this would be an appropriate event. A limit of attendees was suggested at 30-40 attendees. Payment will be put through the SchoolDay system.

ACTION: Erin Thrower – Feeney to organize this event for spring 2020.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm