

Arklan Community School – Parent Council Meeting

Agenda

October 11, 2022

1. Welcome and Introductions
Courtney, Todd, Rebecca, Janet, Cara, Sarah, Niki, Jacqueline, Victoria
2. Membership Recruitment Update – all voted for Cara to be Treasurer, all voted in favour of a reach out to the parent interested in Fundraiser role
3. Liability Insurance - \$120 cover for accidents and injuries that happen during parent council events recommending that we have to let them know by tomorrow. Figuring out who knows the budget, Cara to do a treasurer update. Everyone voted yes to liability insurance put in the minutes, Jacqueline to email Donald to confirm and if the budget is low, the school will loan to Parent Council in the meantime
4. Upcoming PA Day Update – protocol that the Chairs on the council get the breakdown it will be posted on the school's Facebook page and website, BMS training de-escalation and safety in dysregulation situations to avoid injury of staff and students, baseline data for reading and mathematics looking at it as a group and determine where to head with the school improvement plan happening across the board.
5. Equity Committee Brainstorm – Dan McCrae equity and inclusion to talk to junior grades and they complete the survey (4-6)
For gathering the data, concern shared that they won't grasp it as well. Concern that the students won't take it seriously. Good that its anonymous, larger board equity survey going out to the board. This one is specific to the school its been working on right now will be completed November/ December and data will be looked at professionally and the results will come out in the March that will inform that larger board equity plan. Update next meeting. Concern – do parents know that this is happening?
6. Principal's Updates
Welcome to new staff
Apply to education
Beckwith for Soccer – 2nd place for the Junior Girls team
45 students going to Gemmill park tomorrow for Cross Country
Track and field in the spring
Junior boys soccer on October 13rd
Arts club – planning phase
Games club – learning commons offers students alternative place to go at recess (primary and juniors are accessing this could work independently or read if they feel like it)
Anti bullying initiative – common language for students
Tier 1- whole school, Tier 2 – small groups in the hub Tier 3 – more intensive support

Use of the Zones of regulation (four colours and size of the problem) having tools to help shift between zones, matching tools to the size of the problem (5 point scale). End of October, group work for zones of regulation. Perspective taking and social skills

Bullying prevention plan can be shared at the next meeting

Zones of regulation purchased for the board to use, to be shared with parents

7. Finalizing decision on fundraising: do we need to get a licence for a silent auction?

Having local businesses donate things to be auctions. Fee through the town. Todd to check in to what the town bylaw is and then we will move forward. Cara to look at apps for silent auctions

Interested in pizza kit for spring – Courtney to contact Little Caesars

Tech group, volunteer hours, dance-a-thons (research)

Todd to forward email to Nikki re: Mabel's labels, Nikki to post to the website and Facebook

Parent volunteers needed for Purdy's – Rebecca and Shannon available for handing out during the day

Cake craze

Spaghetti nights

Pizza day – once office is stabilized pizza program and milk program

8. Other business

Bullying/ violence issue in the school, parents concerned

Progressive discipline, Mental health and addictions nurse, Circle of Care, Considering child's circumstances e.g. diagnoses, safety plans, Safe Schools, VTRA, only can do suspensions for grade 4 and up.

Recommendation to bring classroom issues to the teacher and then to the Principal if its progressively worse.

Date for next meeting (Virtual or in person)

November 8th (in person)

Nurse visiting