

Dale Road School Council Meeting – Wednesday October 17, 2024

Present: Ron MacDonald, Jennifer Kirkwood, Christine Firth, Rebecca Crilly, Monika Peters, Ashley Fuller, Sara Taylor

Regrets: Sara Stewart, Lena Lefave

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
- Sign in form was circulated to record attendance.
- Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review of September Meeting Minutes:

- Copies of minutes circulated for review
- Ashley moved to approve the minutes; Rebecca seconded; all in favour; minutes approved.

3. Principal's Report:

- Ron shared that the school board will relocate the flag in July 2025; work will not come out of school budget.
- Budget update: spending for supply teachers could be as high as 50% of school's \$20K budget
- Permanent sun shelter structure could range between \$5-10K; Ron is investigating alternatives such as sun canopy/ fabric structure which would be removed over the winter (approx. \$100-\$150 expense for 16'x16' canopy).
- Storage shed has been cleaned out; there may be space available there for shelving.
- SEAA sports calendar was distributed for scheduled sports events for the remainder of the year
- Terry Fox campaign raised \$3K; very successful for size of school.
- School Cash Online system for hot lunches seems to be working well.
- October 10th visit from volunteer fire department was highly successful; students learned how to use a fire extinguisher; will likely become a regular event each year.
- October 30th will be a lockdown drill with OPP.
- Grade 7's will be attending the Elf musical presented by Northumberland Players Youth Theatre, featuring student Jack Crilly.
- October 22nd will be Cougars Hockey Game event; most of the school is attending.
- PA Day will be on October 25th
- Next meeting on November 13th will be shortened to allow for Positive School Climate meeting to follow; will be attended by Christine, Jennifer, Ron, Sandra Timlin, Lena LeFave as well as some students.

4. Teacher's Report:

- No report this month as teacher representative unable to attend.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Council needs to provide direction to Natalie to close out accounts; should be done at the end of each year.
- Reimbursements still need to come out of the account (approx. \$1,000 value)
- Refunds for Fresh From Farm fundraiser and Oct. 22 hot dog sales will show up in next few days.

- Account opening balance was \$4,624
- Closing balance was \$78.19
- Ashley will report back with updated balance at next meeting.

6. Fundraising:

- Fresh from the Farm fundraiser was not successful as it did not meet minimum ordering requirements and needed to be cancelled; not recommended to do this next year.
- Muskoka coffee fundraiser is on now.
- Rekker's Poinsettias fundraiser is now open and has been a successful fundraiser in the past; volunteers needed to help distribute poinsettias on Wednesday November 27th.
- Ashley suggested Viking Nursery as another possible fundraiser option; for Plainville School Viking has donated 10% of sales for the month of May.

7. New Business:

- Parent Reaching Out Grant is due Dec. 20th; limited options for how the grant money is allowed to be spent. Suggested to use the grant for Paul Davis guest speaker. Rebecca will prepare the application form and will need a quote from Paul Davis.
- Discussion regarding potential school Open House. Ron advised this was not generally supported by the teachers but will speak with them again at the next staff meeting Oct. 25th and report back next meeting. It was discussed that preferred timing for an Open House event would be at the beginning of the school year rather than at the end.
- Canteen sales – suggestion to have a canteen date on Nov. 22nd to allow students to purchase snacks.
- Christmas Luncheon to be held Wednesday December 18th. Christine has asked for a quote from Swiss Chalet for chicken tenders and fries instead of the traditional meal as there has been significant food waste in previous years.
- Sponsor/ Donation Letter – Ron will get a template to use for the letter to request donations from potential sponsors.

8. Next Meeting:

- The next Council meeting will be held on November 13th at 6:00pm.

9. Meeting Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.