

Dale Road School Council Meeting – Wednesday November 13, 2024

Present: Ron MacDonald, Jennifer Kirkwood, Christine Firth, Rebecca Crilly, Monika Peters, Lena Lefave, Jillian Butler, Sara Taylor

Regrets: Ashley Fuller, Sara Stewart

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
- Sign in form was circulated to record attendance.

2. Review of October Meeting Minutes:

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

3. Principal's Report:

- Technical support representative from the Board assessed the school's Chromebook resources. The school currently has 196 Chromebooks. 34 Chromebooks will need to be replaced in the 2025-26 school year.
- Budget update: primary fundraising sources anticipated to be:
 - community businesses (i.e. Rotary Club, Cameco, Canadian Tire, etc.): \$10K
 - Dale Road Community (i.e. parents/ guardians): \$4K
 - School Council: \$5K
 - School Budgets: \$3K
- Another potential funding source could be Grand-in-your-Hand (50/50 draw). i.e. 100 tickets @ \$20/ ticket with proceeds going towards Grade 8 trip. A lottery license would be required.
- The Grade 8 Graduation Trip will be an outing to a Blue Jays game on May 22nd. The cost will be approximately \$100/student depending on final numbers. The trip may include dinner afterwards at the Mandarin in north Oshawa. Last year Council provided some support for the Grade 8 trip.
- School Open House/ BBQ will be held the 3rd week of September 2025 from 3:00-5:00pm.
- Vaping presentation was recently given by the Health Unit to the students.
- Cyber Security presentation will be given by the OPP on December 11th, 2024, in the gym.
- PA Day will be Monday Jan. 27th (report card writing day)

4. Teacher's Report:

- The school will be holding a bake sale with proceeds going to the Humane Society. The Movers + Makers Club may take this on.
- Ms. Lefave will be taking over Movers + Makers Club as Ms. Timlin will be leaving the school for another position.
- A trip for the whole school to Wonderland is being considered (to be confirmed).
- 83 Grade 7's will be attending the Elf musical on Dec. 10th presented by Northumberland Players Youth Theatre, featuring student Jack Crilly.
- The Grade 8's will be attending the CCI Dance Recital on December 17th. Ticket costs will be approximately \$8 (recital ticket + busing). Motion by Christine for Council to pay for busing costs; all in favour. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Ashley provided treasury summary via email as she is unable to attend tonight's meeting. Current account balance is \$9,911.23.

6. Fundraising:

- Minimum order requirements for Rekker's Poinsettias fundraiser were met but overall low sales/ minimal profit.

7. New Business:

- Parent Reaching Out Grant is due Dec. 20th; Rebecca will prepare the application form for a presentation by Paul Davis.
- Canteen sales – canteen date moved to Nov. 29th to allow students to purchase snacks.
- Christmas Luncheon to be held Wednesday December 18th.
- Hot Dog Sales – Monika will continue to prepare hot dogs to end of November. Angie will take over hot dog preparation in December and will continue through the winter.

8. Next Meeting:

- The December Council meeting will be cancelled, the next meeting will be in January 2025.

9. Meeting Adjournment:

- Meeting to adjourn early as Positive School Climate meeting to follow.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Rebecca; seconded by Lena. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.