**Dale Road School Council Meeting – Wednesday March 26, 2025**

**Present:** Ron MacDonald, Jennifer Kirkwood, Angie Evans, Monika Peters, Jillian Butler, Sara Taylor

**Regrets:** Christine Firth, Ashley Fuller, Sara Stewart, Rebecca Crilly, Lena Lefave

1. **Welcome and Attendance:**
* Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
1. **Review of January Meeting Minutes:**
* Monika motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Jennifer.
1. **Principal’s Report:**
* Discussion regarding support for Lauchlyn Walsh and family. $1,600 was raised at the school’s dance/ canteen fundraising event.
* Budget update: about $5K of school’s budget is remaining.
* Request for Council to provide funds for installation of a second volleyball court; approximately $150 will be required for a new post. All in favour of this expenditure.
* Staffing update for 2025/26: as enrollment is down to 168 (6 fewer students) there will be fewer classes (3 Grade 7 classes and 3 Grade 8 classes). Average class sizes will be increased to approximately 28 students/ class.
* Online Surveys: Council members and parents are encouraged to provide feedback in online KPR surveys; links will be distributed.
* Blue Jays Game Grade 8 Trip: will be on May 22nd; almost all funds have been collected. Council has paid for half of the cost/ student. 5 teachers will be required to attend for supervision.
* Digital Sign: fundraising for the $25K needed for the sign has been postponed for this year. Funding request submitted to Cameco was declined. Other fundraising opportunities to be revisited next year.
* Meet the Teacher night will be held in September 2025.
1. **Teacher’s Report:**
* No report this month as teacher representative unable to attend meeting.
1. **Treasurer’s Report:**
* School Council’s current balance is $4,715.03.
1. **Fundraising:**
* Canteen to be held April 4th. Sales expected to raise approximately $300.
* Discussion regarding a “buy-in” spring activity event in May (i.e. “Spring Fling”) to raise funds. Ideas included dance with DJ, ball hockey, ultimate frisbee, etc.
1. **New Business:**
* Parent Reaching Out Grant for Paul Davis speaker was approved. Details regarding dates and times to be circulated soon.
* Healthy Hunger – school has decided not to move forward with meal orders as there is too much administrative work and does not generate any funds for the school.
* Graduation Committee – suggestion to start organizing soon. Council may provide funds for gifts, pizza, cupcakes, etc.
* Grade 6 Day – hot dogs and water are typically provided to the students; school will confirm details and advise Council.
* Baltimore Fun Day – discussion regarding holding this event at Dale Road instead of Baltimore Recreation Centre to avoid bussing costs and to have the option of selling food (food sales not allowed at Baltimore).
* School Cash Online – discussion regarding limitations of School Cash Online and preference to have the flexibility of cash sales. Jennifer will reach out to Colleen Honey for further information/ clarification from the Board.
1. **Next/ Future Meeting Dates:**
* Wednesday April 16/ 25 @ 6:00pm plus Positive School Climate Team meeting
* Wednesday May 14/25 @ 6:00pm, plus Positive School Climate Team meeting
* Wednesday June 18/ 25 @ 6:00pm
1. **Meeting Adjournment:**
* Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.