

Dale Road School Council Meeting – Wednesday April 23, 2025

Present: Ron MacDonald, Christine Firth, Ashley Fuller, Jennifer Kirkwood, Monika Peters, Jillian Butler, Sara Taylor

Regrets: Angie Evans, Sara Stewart, Rebecca Crilly, Lena Lefave

1. Welcome and Attendance:

- Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

2. Review of March Meeting Minutes:

- Christine noted that the account balance provided in March should be \$9,000.
- Jennifer motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Ashley.

3. Principal's Report:

- Discussion regarding Lauchlyn Walsh update. Lauchlyn is currently at home and receiving treatments in Peterborough. No further fundraising events for the Walsh family are planned at this time.
- OYAP Grant - \$500 grant received (secured by Mr. Wright) to put towards outdoor classroom. Funds will be used to purchase 2 picnic tables and construction materials. 4 additional tables to be purchased through school budget. The school hopes to have this built by end of May.
- 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); 1 teacher has been declared surplus.
- OFAH Fishing Derby, sponsored by Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters at Peterborough Lift Locks – 4 classes (approx. 80-90 students) will be attending. April 28th – Mr. Paige and Mr. Wright's classes will be going; April 29th – Ms. Sanders and Ms. Cashin's classes will be going.
- Digital Sign: fundraising for the \$25K needed for the sign is once again being considered.
- 3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown drill remain for this school year; dates to be determined.

4. Teacher's Report:

- No report this month as teacher representative unable to attend meeting, however Christine shared that the teachers have requested funds from Council to be put towards bussing for the trip to Wonderland and to the Fishing Derby in Peterborough. Bussing for the trip to Wonderland may cost up to \$4,000 (maximum amount depending on number of students attending); all in favour of Council covering total cost of bussing to Wonderland. Bussing costs for trip to Fishing Derby to be approximately \$500; all in favour of Council covering this cost.
- Other school needs requiring funding from Council include sand for the long jump pit. Costs to be determined.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- School Council's current balance is \$11,015.

6. Fundraising:

- Remaining canteen dates to be held May 2, June 13.
- Pop-up freezie sales to be held based on forecast

7. New Business:

- Grade 6 Day – dates to be determined; may need to hold this over 2 days.
- Baltimore Fun Day – discussion regarding holding this event at Dale Road instead of Baltimore Recreation Centre to avoid bussing costs and transporting food/ BBQ to Baltimore. *Post-meeting note: school has decided to have BBQ at the school, then bus students to Baltimore afterwards for outdoor activities.*
- Grade 8 Grad Activities:
 - Proposal to have ceremony live streamed; Ron will confirm and organize.
 - Post-ceremony dance – 48 students voted in favour of a dance. This will be held in CCI cafeteria from 8-10pm and run by Council volunteers. Angie has volunteered to DJ. Pizza will be ordered for students.
 - Grade 8 Gifts – Natalie has organized T-Shirts
 - Luncheon – Christine is investigating caterer options. Ashley suggested Bewdley Lions Food Truck. Luncheon to be held Wednesday June 18th. *Post-meeting note: Christine confirmed the food truck is available on the 18th from 11am-1pm and provided menu options and approximate costs (up to \$1,230 total) and proposed that Council cover the costs.*
- Weekly Report/ Email Reminders – request to have these resume sending on Sundays.
- Paul Davis – student presentation to be held June 18th; parent presentation to be held the same evening at Baltimore.

8. Next/ Future Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday May 21/25 @ 6:00pm, plus Positive School Climate Team meeting
- Wednesday June 18/ 25 @ 6:00pm

9. Meeting Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Christine; seconded by Ashley. Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.