

DJS School Council Meeting

December 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (Virtual Via MS Teams)

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks Donna

Attendees:

Chairperson - Donna Bartlett
Secretary - Kristy Murray
Community Member - Lisa Magee
Teacher Rep - Christine McCaw
Support Staff Rep - Michelene Elias-Bates
Principal - Tracy Staples
Vice-Principal - Andrew Pratt
Student Council President - Elektra Plumley
Student Council Vice-President - Lucas Purdy

Regrets:

Parent - Kendra Runions

2. Review of minutes from last meeting: Donna

- Under notes to motion for hot dogs buns (update 26 packs instead of 8)
- Motion to Accept Minutes: Donna
- Second: Lisa

3. Treasurer's Report: Tracy

- No update since last meeting.
- Once receipts go through, expenses will show
 - Expenses for Hot Dog Day
 - \$30 gift card for GT for additional class – Positive Behaviour Program

4. Principal Report: Tracy & Andrew

- Update to entry system to gates
 - Gates are locked until 9:10 am (students must maintain physical distance prior to school as students must remain in cohorts until entry to school – except 2 X 7/8 classes)
 - Pool of people coming around 9:00am
 - Starting today (Dec 1), gates will open at 9:00am (larger gate) and cones will be placed along the fence closest to parking lot 6 feet apart
 - Students are to stay with family groups and line up at the cones until 9:10 and then they can head to classroom lines once the bell rings
 - This is in response to safety needs of students
 - Will be implemented for both gates (Thurber St. and McKenzie Ave.)

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- Feedback after one day - parents appreciated that their children were safe and social distanced
- Will continue and monitor
- Dismissal Time Safety Concerns
 - At dismissal time, Thurber St. is a challenge as students need to watch before walking across street; cars are pulling up and parking both directions
 - Could invite police to ensure safe for students and parents are parking appropriately (on the right side of the street)
 - Encourage parents to go through student drop off instead of parking.
 - Even though there is a wait, recommend to go into the line and be safe for students
- Sports for 7/8 Students
 - Administration to communicate with other elementary schools in our Family to determine if we will have a FOS volleyball tournament
- Support for Families
 - Salvation Army Christmas Support available for families
 - Applications due to Salvation Army for December 3.
 - Gift cards (no food) and gifts this year.
- Superintendent Visit
 - Superintendent Jennifer Perry visited on November 18
 - Shared Baseline Assessments in Literacy and Math, provided tour of school, shared overview of student wellness and mental health initiatives
- Staffing
 - Hired Mrs. Alana Powell as LTO for English side of French Immersion Class Grade 2/3/4 (Afternoons)
 - Mrs. Sarah Crowe, hired as Contract EA
 - Lindsay Wheeler hired as LTO ECE Room 105
 - Additional allocation for Vice Principal (Mr. Pratt is now 0.6 Vice-Principal which is an additional 0.3)
 - 0.3 posted - Kylie Sheets successful candidate will begin on January 3rd, 2022. In the meantime, LTO posted and is currently being supported by Mary Birnie
 - Our school has been allotted an additional 0.5 Educational Assistant. This contract position has been posted on Apply to Education.
 - Mrs. Knapp Irvine, grade $\frac{3}{4}$ teacher is currently off. Mrs. Kelly Morrow is currently filling day to day
 - Mrs. Lea Somers is currently in the LTO for Mrs. Uniacke in the Power Up Program 2

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- Buddy benches received
 - Two benches were ordered - One says Friendship and the other Buddy Bench
 - They will need to be assembled and installed on school yard in the spring when the ground is thawed.
- Positive Behaviour Program
 - Student Council members have each chosen classes to visit to support taking photos and/or videos of Positive Behaviour Goals
 - \$30 Gift Cards that School Council purchased last year have been given to each classroom to support a reward for the class in achieving their goals
- Falcon Spirit week before holidays (Week of December 13-17)
 - Student Council Members have planned the days
 - They will generate posters and make announcements.
 - Communication will be sent home to families and shared through social media
 - Student Council will share events in their report
- Community Use able to happen again.
 - Board will let us know who is eligible at this point in time
- Remembrance Day ceremony was very well done. Congratulations to Elektra and Lucas!

5. Teacher Report: Christine

- All classrooms are working on presentation for virtual holiday assembly
 - Can be poem, artwork, song, etc.

6. Student Report:

- Spirit week
 - Dec 17 – Holiday PJ day (movie and popcorn)
 - Dec 16 – Artwork can be created and displayed on their doors or outside of their classroom in the halls
 - Dec 15 – Classes choose spirit day
 - Dec 14 – Wacky hat/hair day
 - Dec 13 – Red/Green Festive Day
- Announcements
 - Elektra and Lucas welcome messages daily
 - Oh Canada (different versions)
 - Welcome to occasional staff
 - Announcements
 - Wellness message
 - Birthdays
 - Health/Safety for students/staff

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7. Fundraising: Donna & Tracy

- Inquired into adjustable nets; however, schools do not install adjustable due to safety concerns
- Little Caesars
 - Rebooking for February month
 - Pick up week before March break
 - Date to begin: January 20 OR February 9
 - Date to close: February 3 OR February 22
 - Delivery date: March 10
 - Lisa to follow up with Little Caesars re: timing
 - Checked in with health unit. Told we can go ahead with fundraiser as it's not being sold in the school
 - Little Caesars need approx. a few weeks before delivery
- Mini Donuts/Hot Cocoa Bombs
 - Prices have increased; therefore, council has decided to decline

8. New Business: Donna

- Milanos Pizza Day
 - Needs 2 day notice
 - During week before school goes for break and set up a snow day
 - Actual Day - December 15
 - Snow day - December 16
 - Numbers: 366 students and 45 staff
 - Confirmation of numbers coming from Tracy for order
 - Donna requires schedule lunch break for multiple delivery
 - Teachers to complete survey for their choice of pizza. Tracy to create survey for staff; then communicate to Donna and Donna can put in order
 - Students – Cheese pizza only
 - School Council Members who meet visitor attestation criteria can help out on the Pizza Day – Health Guidelines for handling food must be followed – posted in servery
- Christine McCaw asked on behalf of staff
 - What are the teachers able to approach School Council for?
 - In the past council has supported guest presenters e.g., Scientists in Classroom, Materials to support class rewards for Positive Behaviour Program, fillable water stations, math materials e.g., Tiny Dots games; Year End Trips and Celebrations, Grad Awards, etc.
 - Not to fund – items funded through provincial grants
 - Staff ideas
 - Would like more technology

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- Fundraising ~ Policy 418 and associated Fundraising ~ Procedure 418.1, as well as the procedures for School Generated Funds to be shared with council
- Process for bringing in more tech
 - CUP – Critical Upgrade Process
 - Process to replace technology
 - 1 in – 1 out
 - Example – if we purchase 5 iPads, 5 iPads would need to go out.
 - We are currently at max capacity from the school board requirements – there is tech that needs to be replaced based on age and ability to support current Apps (e.g., iPads)
- CUP Date is TBD.
 - Next CUP should be Spring of 2022

9. Correspondence: Donna, Tracy, and Andrew

- Nothing new to add

10. Date of next meeting:

- Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Upcoming School Council Meetings

- *Wednesday, April 16th*
- *Wednesday, May 4th*
- *Wednesday, June 1st*