

Keewatin Public School

School Council Minutes | September 24, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Heather Mutch, Colleen Randell, Alexis Boucha, Shayla Smith, Tara Vandall, Crystal Giesbrecht, Holly Barber

INTRODUCTIONS & COUNCIL POSITIONS

Introductions were made for new members, and council positions were discussed. Alexis and Tara will continue to serve as co-chairs, Shayla as secretary, Sandie as treasurer, with Crystal and Holly as members-at-large.

Meeting dates were also set. To make it easier for parents to remember dates and plan to get involved we set each meeting for the last Tuesday of every month (except December and June) at 6:30 p.m. These dates will be October 29, November 26, January 28, February 25, March 31, April 28 and May 26.

2019-2020 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Council discussed details on two upcoming events:

- Trunk or Treat: Set date for October 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Same details as last year, with the addition of Halloween movies playing in the gym and a concession to sell popcorn and juiceboxes. Planned to move vehicles in a row in front of the school to allow for more space, if needed.
- Spaghetti Dinner: Set date for November 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Will serve spaghetti, dinner rolls, Caesar salad, and a dessert. Holly will see if the Beaver Brae students can provide homemade desserts. Priced at \$10/plate for adults, \$5/plate for kids, or a family price of \$40.

Additional activities outline for this school year include:

- Christmas Parade Float: Will need to confirm the date, see if we can get a trailer and truck, register.
- Christmas Family Fun Night: Date depends on the staff. Need to check if Karen Percy will do the cookies again, or if Beaver Brae students could provide.
- Turkey Feast: Scheduled for December 12 at noon.
- Bonfire & Sliding Night: Planned for January 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with a movie night as cold-weather contingency plan. Concession could serve hot chocolate (ensure to advertise) with free apples and marshmallows to roast over the fire. Holly will see if Beaver Brae students can make cookies to sell at the concession.
- Valentines Family Dance Party: Planned for February 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt: Planned for April 5 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

PROGRAMS

- Discussed a Learn to Skate program as a replacement for the defunct Primary Hockey Academy. Would need to cover costs with community sponsorship and have a dedicated group of volunteers. Shayla to discuss/plan with Anna Percy.
- Artists in Residence program (offered at other KPDSB schools) was discussed as an option for our students. Holly to look into the details and application process.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Heather reviewed the financial reports with council. One of the most pertinent points was that our Swimming Lesson account is short by about \$1,000; council discussed charging parents for lessons this year. Determined that a cost of \$10 per student would be appropriate.

Discussed how to make Family Fun Day more financially successful next year. Colleen noted the reduced number of older students (especially from Keewatin Public) and discussed how to make the event more attractive to older students next year—more age-appropriate activities and live music, perhaps.

FUNDRAISING

Heather noted that many parents have brought forth concerns to her about the number of fundraisers (school-wide and classroom-specific) they are faced with throughout the year—many feel inundated and overwhelmed. Determined that all classroom fundraisers should be approved by parent council, in order to ensure that fundraisers are spaced evenly throughout the year as much as possible.

In addition to classroom fundraisers, Shayla inquired as to whether or not the Forest School program needs an annual operating budget—what that would be and how we would achieve it.

Classroom fundraisers were outlined as follows:

- PJ & Popcorn Days (fundraiser for Kindergarten A): Once per month, all year.
- Raffle Tickets (fundraiser for Grade 5/6 Outers): December or January
- Frosted Foods Orders (fundraiser for Kindergarten B): November
- Honey Orders (fundraiser for Grade 4/5): October
- Easter Basket Raffle (fundraiser for Grade 1/2): March/April
- Make It Sow (fundraiser for Grade 2/3): April/May
- Bubblegum Days (fundraiser for sports equipment): Once a month, all year.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 6:30 P.M.