



## Keewatin Public School - Parent Council

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Minutes for October 29, 2019

*Present: Heather Mutch, Colleen Randell, Shayla Smith, Tara Vandall, Crystal Giesbrecht, Tekla Rundle*

### REVIEW OF TRUNK OR TREAT

Council discussed last week's Trunk or Treat event. Everyone considered it to have been a success—one of the most successful in recent memory. At least 15 vehicles were decorated and Colleen estimated more than 100 kids attended. The movie night in the gym was also successful, earning about \$80 at the concession and with at least 50 kids (and their parents) in attendance.

Noted for next year: a parent council volunteer on-hand to direct parking so that trunks are facing/backed up to the playground. Will also need to advertise the concession costs in advance.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Heather reviewed the financial reports. Of special note:

- Loss of government support for our breakfast program;
- Final numbers crunched for swimming lessons against funds raised through Family Fun Day determines that we'll need to levy \$20 per student for swimming lessons this year.
- Sandie would like to purchase another 50 water bottles for the school, at a cost of \$1000. This is approved by council to be taken from the parent council account.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

A joint letter from parent council and the school should be sent home to our families informing them of the fee, and explaining the reason for this year's fee—primarily the increased costs associated with number of students and transportation, and that less money was raised at this year's family fun day than in previous years. Remind parents to come out and support next year's family fun day with the aim of eliminating this fee for our parents.

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Heather informed council that we have no funding this year for the breakfast program coordinator (Stacy Berube) and that the remaining budget for the program is significantly (less than half) of what it has been in previous years. The loss of government funding has resulting in the program being pared down to only \$3,300 for the year, provided through the NWHU.

To keep this program running, parent council brainstormed some ideas:

- A school food-drive for non-perishable, nut-free breakfast items (cereal, bread, bagels, apples, oranges, apple sauce cups, sugar-free fruit cups, etc.)
- Inform school parents know about the problem; request food donations as above.
- Apply for nutrition-based grants.
- Get a parent volunteer(s) in once per week to cook a hot breakfast (pancakes, eggs, oatmeal, etc.)



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### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

This is still being run by staff as a classroom fundraiser. Heather informed council that we do have the option to take this program back as a fundraiser, but we would need a parent volunteer to come in on Wednesdays to prepare the meals. Tabled for next meeting.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Determined final family price of \$30. Shayla will begin advertising immediately following Halloween, with social media graphics, online calendars, and 2-up black/white flyers that can be sent home and to other KPDSB schools.

Alexis to be event lead coordinator. Will need to request more parent volunteers to help cook and serve, and at least two volunteers to run the door/sales.

Shayla will help with cooking and/or serving. Colleen will supply bannock in place of dinner rolls. Parent council members are asked to bake cupcakes for dessert (any flavour) with optional icing that can be sent in a separate container to be iced on site.

### **SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

Still searching for a truck and trailer that can be used for the school float, and will need to register for the event once truck and trailer are confirmed. Can plan building/decorating at the next parent council meeting.

### **TURKEY FEAST**

Tekla and Shayla confirmed to help cook. Will need to request dainty donations from parents. Additional planning at the next parent council meeting.

### **LEARN TO SKATE**

Shayla updated council on the planning for this program so far. Determined next step to be reaching out to parents to gauge interest in the program; a form to send home this week. Will also need to lock in more community funding, up-front funding, and volunteers. Heather has staffing concerns if the program were to run in the middle of the day; will speak to Anna about a morning program, possibly a 9:30 a.m. start time.

### **MOVIE NIGHTS**

With the success of the Trunk or Treat movie night a tentative date for the next movie night is set for November 15; Shayla will confirm after some technical support this week.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 6:30 P.M.**