

## ***Kidston PAC Meeting Minutes March 2nd, 2021***

**In Attendance:** Debbie C, Taryn and Rob B, Robert L, Gareth A, Erica S, Gramma D, Lynn B, Erik N, Jeff D, Lara P, Simone R, Christin K, Erica M, Dom

**Approval of agenda**

**Approval of February meeting minutes**

### **Speakers and Topics**

#### **Robert Lee - Board of Trustees**

- budget considerations ongoing, 2 new approved academies in SD22
- deliberating transportation fee increase, there will be an increase, but it is not finalized yet how much.
- It has been proposed to increase from \$25 to \$200 per student. Parents can contact their MLA or the board via email if you have concerns you would like addressed.
- outdoor learning structure Covid funding approved!

#### **Debbie Cullum - Principal's report**

- now that outdoor learning structure has been confirmed, need to decide where to put it. Teachers are giving their input and Debbie will meet with Archie in near future for more details
- thank you to everyone for their patience with the Kidston school covid exposure
- PAC emails via myEd, admin is aware that some parents don't want correspondence from the PAC and the need to filter respondents, Debbie and Michelle Lepine are working on this
- 56 kindies registered so far, will need two new divisions for 2021/2022 school year.
- Michelle Lepine's retirement at month end

MOTION (Jeff): to take the 100 dollars set aside in the budget for Michelle Lepine's retirement and spend it on a gift certificate. MOVED: Simone. Seconded. CARRIED (Unanimously)

#### **Lynn - Teacher's Report**

- no new items

#### **Dom - Treasurer's Report**

- no new items

#### **Eric N - Ipad update**

- there are two groups of ipads ahead of us to be processed then we should receive ours after spring break for distribution.

#### **Lara P - DPAC representative**

- draft for 2021/2022 calendar has been released, school will be closed for 2 days in February for housing the winter games participants, this will be a short 2 day week as it coincides with the family day holiday
- bussing fee increase, although it may seem it has come out of nowhere, these discussions and the need for an increase in fees has been going on for years at DPAC meetings
- some frustrations from parents expressed re: communication with the board, emails sent with no follow up - it has been clarified that it is an expectation that the board should follow

up with any correspondence from parents addressing next steps in their concerns.  
-discussion about staff appreciation ideas/acknowledgment on behalf of PAC, Kidston staff close to 40 individuals, there is \$400 in budget for staff gift appreciation  
-Erica S and Lara P will organize a parent from each class to write a thank you card.

MOTION (Erica S.): to use the \$400 set aside for staff appreciation in the form of thank you cards and gift cards. MOVED: Lara P. Seconded. CARRIED (unanimously).

### **Gareth/Dawn - Outdoor Learning Committee**

- update: not moving forward with coop grant as we were approved for COVID funding
- many teachers interested in being involved in garden committee, parents volunteers still needed, will reach out individually
- Landed Learning program via Science Center, Ms. Dunsmore is leading
- smaller groups of 5, how to work with covid procedures/policies
- parent volunteers will be needed as before but details still need to be worked out (will need volunteer parents of the child in the small group)
- march 19<sup>th</sup> is global day of climate action, info to be posted on fb page, can be brought up at staff meeting for teachers interested in linking a class project with this theme
- rock seating - slippery surface when wet, kids are jumping between them and there has been some concern from parents about safety. No injuries reported to Debbie on a frequent or consistent basis
- textured paint is an option?
- the location of the rocks is also of concern - between the portables and on the way to the gaga pit
- Tabled for now, staff will discuss further
- Participaction competition community event:  
Dawn and Melissa J have created a “go green” theme, examples of activities could be time spent gardening or picking up garbage. The goal is to accumulate minutes doing outdoor activity and there is a prize for the group with the most minutes, Dawn has also applied for a grant that can be spent on prizes within the group as incentive. This event takes place during the month of June.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Erica M - Easter fundraiser**

-Cottons chocolates: an order form has been created, Michelle Lepin will print out and it will be handed out to students this week. Parents will be able to pick up their orders at the school last week of March. (all orders will be individually packaged by Cottons)

#### **Gareth/Jeff - Devry greenhouse fundraiser**

-Barb Likely is taking the lead for this and has asked that it to go towards grade 7 graduation events as they have not had full fundraising capabilities this year due to Covid restrictions.

MOTION: that the funds from the Devry greenhouse fundraiser proceeds go towards the gr 7 graduation committee. MOVED: Gareth. Seconded. CARRIED (Unanimously)

#### **Jeff - High Five Kal Tire fundraiser**

- moving forward with program - will run from April until February of next year.
- business cards being designed, Jeff to discuss use of logos with Debbie

**Erica S - Okanagan Science Center stem kit fundraiser**

- should be up and running by May until December
- kits will cost \$30 and be available for shipping and delivery, each month there will be a different theme with 3 activities per kit aimed at grade 3-6
- 15% of proceeds to Kidston PAC, will be promoted on facebook page and info sent home to parents via pamphlets.

Discussion around other staff appreciation projects to involve students and parents for later in the year. This is to be carried forward to the the remaining meetings to have ideas brought forward.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm