

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

In person: Rebecca, Teena, Lisa, Leilan Baxter, Mme Morowiec, Mme Arsenault, Mme Kennedy, Jenni, Vince, Alicia, Kate, Patti, Patricia, Christian
Virtual attendees: None

Welcome and Introductions

- Leilan Baxter to enact role of Environmental Chair - motioned and approved

Approval of today's agenda and last meeting minutes	Approved
Business arising from last meeting	None
Chair Report	Deferred
Principal Report	<p>Professional development staff - language teaching and math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New math instructions - 15 minute fluency, then lesson - hands-on, work together, consolidation with goal for students to work independently at the end. Equity initiative for consistency across the Board. ● Knowledge Hook - free software available to all teachers and can be assigned to students for parents to see at home. Helps identify gaps and provide practice "en français". ● Math-Up - other digital tool - this costs \$1200 per licence (class) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School using combination of KH and MU for all classes to have some access ● Teachers are currently writing report cards ● Next staff meeting January 20th <p>Glow Dance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 30th - day before PA day 2pm - 3:30. Blocks of 30 mins - kinder to junior with Student Council curated playlist ● Would like balloons and individual bags of chips ● SC would like t-shirts so they are identifiable during the dance - Val has already arranged for this. ● Glow bracelets available for <\$100 and balloons 100 for \$15 - Teena to order - purchase approved. School to purchase chips.

	<p>Yards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of physical interactions at recess • EAs are organizing games at recess to show kinders and primaries how to play games with less physical contact. • Students also reminded at assembly today to keep hands and feet to themselves. • Students were quiet x 10 seconds at the assembly today with a goal to stretch to 20 seconds by February assembly. <p>Lost and Found - Mike built the cabinet!</p> <p>Rideau 100 celebration - June 12, 2025 in the afternoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release rough draft done • LDSB members invited • Guest list in the works • Jobs for Archive Club, Student Council, each classroom. Archive Club - planning exhibition in new display case, slide show, time capsule, keepsake booklet. • Hoping for sponsorship but need to know cost before this
<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly today and will have monthly assemblies to recognize students achievements, identify community events, practice being in assembly. • Clubs and intramurals are running - many things for participation • Musical in the works for end of April - musical has funds available and Mme M to check if more are needed • Experiential learning/field trips happening - trip to Grand Theatre to see Magic School Bus show.
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p>Gift Cards - sales ok before Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Val needs updated info regarding GCs to release with the next newsletter • Reminder - GCs are constant source of income for initiatives - can invest in these as budgeting option for regular purchases (grocery, gas, etc) <p>Other Fundraiser ideas? - mostly related to the Library at this time</p> <p>School fundraiser for Frontenacs tickets for February 24th - between 0-50 get \$2/ticket, 50-100 \$3/ticket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also to have a table for raffling etc and raise money • Can also bring pewter ornaments to sell.

	<p>Pewter Ornaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 200 at school, 200 ordered, 20 found - \$1905 cost - 208 sold on SD, 42 sold at Novel Idea, 45 hand sold. Around 96 remaining. \$2519 profit. Plan to sell at hockey game, at centennial, etc. <p>Domino's pizza fundraising for the library - order pizza on a specific night and a percentage of the orders goes to the school if you give the school name when you call to order.</p> <p>Rain barrels - need to do the application now - \$65 per barrel and the school gets \$10 of the \$65.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patti will lead. Consider an education piece to share with people.
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Just over \$20 000 in the accounts ● \$4700 in Nevada account - some of this will be used to purchase iPads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Nevada account can be used for the Bingo proceeds as well - Val to contact secretary at Central PS to confirm what this money can be used for ● Going forward all funds will be moved into the General Account at the end of each year
<p>Discussion Points</p>	<p>Pre-planning for Social Events this spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spring market - Rebecca to send Alicia contact at KSS ● Plan for around Mother's Day <p>Student-led initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications will be collected ● Target grades 4-6 and announced through the teachers ● Mr Cameron and Mme Morowic leading ● One parent preparing French proposal for presentation, another parent working on a rubric. <p>Parent-involvement grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can apply for money from the PIC that will benefit parental involvement in the school and student education ● Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Software to be used at home. ○ Board games ○ Parent welcome kit/parent handbook.

- Parent social activity in the morning or in the afternoon
- Lego robotics or coding night for parents and kids
- Parent and child French reading night - purchase of books that can be donated to the library?

Board Game Lending Library

- Started - for lending to students to play during approved school time.

Bingo fundraising for library

- Team of people trained and shadow experienced volunteer - 2 x 2h shifts per school per month - 4 people per month at various times.
- Central PS made \$28 000 last year doing this
- Commit for 6 month block

Library - applying for various grants and funding from organizations - all amounts are approximations as of January 13, 2025.

- Priority 1 - Modular shelving unit with sound baffles between class and library - \$15000 - asking local carpenter's union and can ask other orgs for donation in-kind
- Cubbies and seating - \$34 000
- New flooring \$16 000
- Paint and wall repair \$6500
- Fluorescent lighting filters \$1830
- Technical upgrades.
- Priority 2 - Book collection. NEED HELP TO APPLY FOR GRANTS - especially Indigo grant - due February 28th
 - Lisa to send the list of questions to Val and Mme Morowiec
 - Roughly 600 books have been sorted and discarded
- Scholastic funding \$1500 toward books

Spring Clothing Sale - deferred to next meeting

Teacher appreciation - PC will provide treats for the teachers - January 30th - 50 teachers and staff. There is a preference for Card's bakery :)

Committee Updates	None
Adjournment	Next meeting - February 4th at 6:30 pm