

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025

In person: Tessa, Christian, Alicia, Kate, Teena, Rebecca, Patricia, Leilan, Lisa, Mme Kennedy
Virtual: Paul

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of today's agenda and last meeting minutes

Approved.

Business arising from last meeting

None

Chair's Report

- Fundscript - not enough interest. Done.
- FlipGive - suggest to start with this option early next year.
 - Less return for use than Fundscript but easier to use
- Little Caesar's - not as successful this round - \$300-\$400 profit - maybe not a good spring fundraiser.
- Grad gift
 - Clothing? May not wear Rideau clothes in junior high, also will grow out of clothing
 - Other suggestions: Picture frame, pay for photos or pay for yearbook?
- Suggest end-of-year survey for parents to give more information about fundraising and ask:
 - How much fundraising is acceptable?
 - Did you like the fundraising initiatives?
 - Do you have suggestions?
 - Can also ask if there are barriers to attending Parent Council meetings/belonging to PC?
- Is there also benefit to reaching out to people to ask what they would like PC to do?
 - Plan - draw up a report of what was done this year to share and then request suggestions for next year.
 - Next Step: prepare report and send separately from the newsletter.
 - Consider "Parent Council corner" at each event where we can meet and greet.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christian is establishing a record-keeping system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g., for clubs that have been running - how much did it cost, how many people attended, etc.? ○ Tessa to write up Breakfast Club and Food Share
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See newsletter for updates ● Need volunteers for June 12th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kate to put together list of volunteer areas ○ Reach out to KSS for volunteers ○ Separate list by adult/high school ideas
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rocks and Rings is booked and many classes have signed up ● Musical last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the end of the year musical volunteers will be celebrated with a volunteer breakfast ○ PC may contribute to the breakfast
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A except Little Caesar's
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$21,000 ● Sewing club budgeted \$800 but only spent \$200 ● Money earmarked for clubs this year can be rolled over for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep records of any unused funds and these can still be used for the same clubs if they have larger purchases to make in the future. ○ Library funds will roll-over
Discussion Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve \$275 cost (Rebecca) (greater than initial \$250) and up to \$300 related to price fluctuations ○ Approved (Alicia) ● Clothing sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$479.83 cost of most recent clothing sale ○ Round 2 of spring bling at Seussical - kids raised \$173.00 and council raised \$69.75 ○ Potential for Fall Mall in the Hall with Popcycle clothing sale in the Fall ○ Kids craft sale was a great initiative - much pride and salesmanship - every child sold at least one thing. ● School garden project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to know whether there are limits to what can be planted on school property ○ For Rideau 100 - get 100 daffodils to plant in front of the school. These will bloom every spring. ○ The little garden was managed by Mr H. with projects managed over the spring and summer ○ Consider liaising with community seed banks/seed libraries in Kingston. ● AI at Limestone - Christian attended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four programs being piloted. ○ Balanced approach - it has drawbacks, but it is also useful. ○ There is no AI curriculum yet. ○ There is an AI committee in the LDSB.
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What board games would we like to see in the future? ○ Collection of library books unshelved as of yet but need to get information about the stickering process to get the books put on the shelf. Need durable stickers and a way to discern old from new books. ○ Also need cards in the backs of the books for student loans. ○ Plan is to maintain the current model of library loans. ● Bylaw committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bylaws need updates - a few members have participated. ○ Once they are updated they need to be approved, and then ratified at the next AGM. ○ Changes will be voted on in the final meeting this year. ● Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When providing direction to come and pick-up fundraising items - please provide where and how to do so. ● Suggestion for next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opt-out cost - provide parents with the option of opting out of all fundraising emails and initiatives at a cost, so that families who wish to give money but do not wish to purchase fundraising items can do so.

Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Report on Parent Council● Letter to parents re: achievements this year and survey for next year● List of volunteers for June 12th
Adjournment	Next meeting: June 3 at 3:45pm