

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025

In person: Rebecca, Teena, Amanda, Patricia, Cat, Mme Morowiec, Mme Arsenault, Mme Kennedy, Vince, Christian
Virtual attendees: Paul

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of today's agenda and last meeting minutes

Approved

Business arising from last meeting

Chair's Report

- Great job with Glow Dance
- Teacher's lunch appreciated

Principal's Report

- Glow Dance went well -
 - Student council enjoyed their new shirts
 - SC managed chips, water bottles
- P.A day - report cards
 - P.D. for admin at board office - performance management, how to have hard conversations so that board messaging flows to classrooms
 - Speaker from Ont Principals Council
- January over - this means Term 1 is over
 - Term 2 field trips coming up
 - Going to Winston Churchill for Matilda Jr play
 - Winston classes will be invited to Seussical
- Student Achievement Plan = School Improvement Plan
 - 5 focus points selected by staff
 - Comes from the Ministry, to the Board, then goes to the school where they refine the goals of the Board into the primary focus for the school - teachers are directly involved in this
- If Parents wish to give feedback about sidewalk clearing, it can go to City of Kingston - info@cityofkingston.ca

Teacher's Report

- Glow Dance went very well
 - SC did a great job of organizing - splitting into three sections

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Glow bracelets were very popular ● Teacher lunch was appreciated! ● Many clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lego, D&D, sewing, floor hockey, sewing, Archive Club, Karate Kids, chess club ○ Clubs are announced during the announcements which happen at 1030 daily ● Musical rehearsals every morning and afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Davison will be reaching out in the next few weeks to recruit parents who are interested in helping with the musical ○ Musical happening last week of April ● Queen's Dance club coming in for 1h workshops - well-organized activities for students and reliable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10-12 classes participating ● Lunches going well - food sharing initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many deliveries - kids aren't being singled out who are participating in food sharing ○ Volunteers come in and pack paper bag lunches with good nutritional value - based on specific likes/dislikes of the students served ○ Funded through food share - money can be donated to this program through food share. ○ About 15 children receiving these lunches ● Field trips - teachers do all of the coordination for these and collaborate on a variety of field trips for each grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Magic school bus ○ Kinder trip coming up ○ Grade 2 zoo trip?
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p>Fundscript</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$175 through Fundscript - this is 3% return on the total purchases ● Some money pays for shipping of the cards. ● Need to expand this program. ● If paid with credit card they take 2.5%, so school only gets 0.5% return, so it's better if parents do it from their bank accounts. ● If you do it automatically out of your bank account the order needs to go in at least 3 days prior to the due date. <p>Patti</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application for rain barrel program is in - waiting to hear back. Need date for info session and for rain barrel pick-up. ● Craft show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combine with the clothing sale and rather than inviting community members - will have students sign up for booths and sell crafts. ○ Clothing sale/craft sale to happen: April 5th. ● Another PC fundraiser? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April has clothes sale and play ○ Little Caesar's fundraiser? This is typically well-received. ○ First Aid Kit fundraiser? Cat to look into for additional information. ● Consider sending out a survey at the end of the year to assess which fundraising activities parents want or not.
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$18,708 ● Some of this is from the pewter ornaments and is for the Library ● Catherine has sent an email to the Board to see where all the money is - Catherine has the receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trish to get from Catherine - need to stay onsite at Rideau PS. ○ Will share responsibility with other PC members ● Need to know: How much was given to various clubs and projects?
<p>Discussion Points</p>	<p>Domino's fundraiser for library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$34.99 special on a particular day ● \$12.50 from each one goes to the school ● From one specific Domino's ● 2 medium pizzas and cheesy bread ● Feb 25th, April, May - can we do all? Or at least two days? Cat to reach out. pizzakit.ca ● Consider Domino's fundraiser end of Feb and Little Caesar's in March
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Library Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ongoing ● Submitted proposal to carpenter's union for donation of labour and materials - they are going to present at end of the month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider also sending this to private contractors. ○ Consider reaching out to high schools for carpentry/tech students.

- A request has gone in to replace the carpet because it is peeling.
- Best Buy grant unsuccessful, unfortunately.
- Indigo love of reading grant is highly involved without guarantee of payment.
- Money from Scholastic book fair
- Collection is being catalogued in order to understand the gaps and what needs to be purchased - will be done by March 17th.
 - Purge on Thursday, Feb 6th - quality/content
 - Book scan February 18th - Library Committee and students to participate
 - Students will be encouraged not to take library books home for one week so that they can be scanned. This will be shared with staff by Mme Morowiec
- Mme Meyerman working on teacher wellness room
 - Cat looking to improve the space so that it is more usable for teachers
 - To touch base with teachers about what they would like in the space
- Fundraising ideas:
 - Centennial Spirit wear - local artists - pre-order through the school and some to sell at the Centennial
 - Sponsorships from Rotary Club and Kinsmen Club
 - Other things tied into the Centennial - silent auction with bidding online - Website in development for silent auction - Cat to send the link and is looking for options for the silent auction
 - Need people to find items to donate - ask if people will donate things
 - Sponsor a book - at Seussical, at Centennial - choose a book to purchase and it gets your name in it as the sponsor.
 - Consider having this announced on the radio?
 - Also having a booth or poster at Farmer's Market, SPAF, etc.
 - Estimate is \$10,000 for cost of books.
 - No money from the Board for library books - comes from school budget.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Money can also be donated directly to the school and earmarked for the library. ■ For book donations - looking to improve French books, can ask English teachers if there are English books to donate. ○ Sponsor a shelf - a certain amount of money gets you an entire shelf of books ○ Novel Idea - wondering about sponsor a book or donation jar there - Cat hoping to do the Novel Idea window for Centennial with sponsor a book ○ We are on the waitlist for Bingo <p>Student-led initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation is ready ● Will be requesting student presentations starting next week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposals to help the broader Rideau PS ○ Needs to help the budget ○ Be feasible ● Blurb is done to go in school newsletter ● If anyone wishes to add their name to review submissions coming in ● \$2000 earmarked for this ● Presentations will be in French - target Grade 4-6 <p>Board Game Lending Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anyone can donate but it will be curated ● Looking to source games at cost ● Looking to have bilingual games if possible ● Need a wishlist and can ask people to sponsor games - start by asking parents and then ask Parent Council
Adjournment	Next meeting - March 5th 6:30pm