

Cleardale School Council Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024

Attendance:

Jordanna, Amanda, Anmari, Kata, Dee, Steph, Daryl, Houda, Phil, Candace, Ryan, Matt, Susan, Christa-Lea, Jim, John, Charlotte

Regrets:

n/a

About School Council:

- Talk about what's happening in the school, what's happening, the academic environment
- Fundraising and events to benefit the students outside of the general board/school budget
- School Council sets the culture in the school
- Come to the meetings to gain insight into decisions the school and the board makes
- One of the primary goals has been to fundraise to replace/add to the playground in the back
- Have parent representation from different grades, administration representation (Ryan and Candace)
- Jordanna putting together bylaws and processes
- Composition of minimum 7 to a maximum of 15 parents at large
- Quorum is 50% of voting members represented
- Elections by October 5
- School will send home digital copies of nomination forms

Principal's Report:

- Cleardale had a redo of the boundaries
- Gained several families from Victoria Public School and Mountsfield
- Grade 8s used to go to Laurier or South for high school
- Saunders is also our "tech emphasis" or STEAM emphasis school
- Because of the boundaries, the board has been mandated to maximize their existing schools
- Now all students are going to go to Westminster
- Over the next couple years, will change the makeup of the school
- Any volunteers working in the school or with the students (ie hot lunch, market, meeting the teacher, field trips etc...) will need to complete the Police Record check for the vulnerable sector
- If you have done this and it's been 1 year, contact Buffy to see if you need to fill out a declaration form. If it's been over a year, contact Buffy to see if you need a new record check
- **ACTION: Check in regarding your police check situation**

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing to report yet

- Jordanna and Matt to work on annual report

Hot Lunch

- Amanda working with two vendors
- Continue with Byron Pizza
- Bring on Marshall's Pasta
- Start having hot lunch every week
- Byron Pizza will be every two weeks
- Waiting to confirm that Marshall's can go the other weeks
- Going to create a volunteer schedule
- Will have 3 student volunteers as well
- Reminder for everyone to do the food handling course if they will be handling food
- Hot lunch day will be Tuesdays
- October 1 will be the first pizza day
- **ACTION: Volunteers do training and Ryan/Candace talk about training for student volunteers**

Meet the Teacher

- October 2
- Separate meeting will happen to plan

Neighbourhood Decision Making

- Jordanna working on getting on the ballot for Neighborhood Decision Making grant
- Voting will open mid-October and will be open for 2 weeks

Cell Phone Policy

- Cell phones restricted now
- Expectations have been communicated
- Trying to make sure they understand they are trying to free them from distraction in the classroom
- Don't want to see them on the yard

Communications

- Hot Lunch to Parents
 - Plan and important dates and what to expect
 - School Cash instructions
 - Ask for hot lunch subcommittee volunteers
- Meet the teacher to Parents & Teachers
- Newsletters will begin as soon as we can manage!

Elections

- Watch for more info about dates and nomination forms by Sept 21st
- Election of Parent Rep Members due by OCT 5th

Next Meeting Date: October 7th, 2024 6-7pm Cleardale Library