

Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting

January 30, 2019

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Ana Valente	Daniela Kieffer
Ani Rapallo	Lucy Ramdass	Lidia Owsiana
Carolina Ercoli	Laura Rosero	Marisol Avila
Melissa Delgado	Aldo Delgado (guest speaker)	

Meeting was called to order.

Minutes of the November 28, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Presentation by Peel Health Nurse – HCI Initiative

Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) – Good Shepherd was one of the seventeen original schools chosen to join the initiative. Goal of the program is to have more vegetable and fruit consumption vs. sugary snacks.

Projects over the last two years were reviewed and the success of each project was discussed.

Pledges are being introduced this year. Pledges being focused on this year are (i) healthy beverages, (ii) physical activity and (iii) healthy fundraising.

Two volunteers needed to record fundraisers held throughout this year and whether or not they were successful. D. Kieffer, A. Valente, A. R and Marisol volunteered.

Volunteers to meet with Peel Health Nurse 30 minutes before the January 2019 and May 2019 meetings to update the fundraising plan.

Presentation by Aldo Delgado and Melissa Delgado of VivoPlan.com

Vivoplan.com is a search engine for looking up products and restaurants which sell peanut free and tree nut free products. Website was launched February 2018.

Discussion was had about ways to promote at school (e.g. having an info booth set up at interview night)

Chair's Report

Discussion was had around activities surrounding indoor recess and the lack of activities. Suggestions were made. More due diligence to be done.

Parking Lot – Fence discussed at last meeting was not allowed to be put up. Obstructions are not allowed around the middle median.

Trips – Bowling trips by division has been proposed. Disney on Ice for Grades 1 to 4 was cancelled due to the weather. Ripleys Aquarium dates are being confirmed to replace the

Disney on Ice trip. A Blue Jay game is being planned for Grades 7 and 8. Due diligence will be done to see if Grades 5 and 6 can also attend Ripleys Aquarium. Information on a Raptors game next year being offered for family night will be gathered and shared at the next meeting.

Grades 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Nights In – Will be discussed at the next staff meeting and then brought back to the committee.

Salting the Playground - Snow plow company that is used by the school did not plow and salt for about three days. Complaint has been filed. School board is handling.

End of Year Play Day – Whether or not this will be held will be discussed further.

Possible School Swag – Having school swag offered for sale was discussed. J. Vieira to reach out to vendors for pricing.

Set Future Meeting Dates – Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Lunches – Kidssentials is happening on Thursday, February 7, 2019 – lots of orders; did well. Subway orders not doing well but will continue.

Teachers' Report

Book Fair is coming up. Maker's Space Club is starting this week - Tuesday – Primary; Thursday – Junior; Friday – Intermediate. Dance Team is ongoing – for spirit week in February, one day will be a dance-a-thon day. Spirit Week is coming up for Valentine's Day. Looking into booking Audrey Clark for all grades. Report cards go home next Tuesday, with interviews on Thursday nights and Friday.

Parent Council was asked if they would pay for the buses for the Grade 8 graduation. Parent Council was in agreement and asked for an estimate to be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Principal's Report

FDK registration – time cut down. Projected there would be 31 JKs – currently only 14 registered; projection changed to 21.

Grade 8 graduation photos have been taken.

Official Term 2 starts tomorrow.

Year Book – Three teachers willing to help with the year book project. Life Touch to be contacted to schedule training of the software program. Grades 8 can be trained as well so they can help out.

Choir teacher starting.

February 4 to March 1 – two survey – one student survey for well-being and what it looks like on our board; one parent survey as well. Promoted on interview night.

Board has put out a memo as part of the recognition of the indigenous peoples.

School Cash Online – Donations can be done online. Tax receipts will be provided online.

Black History Month – February 12 Matthew Jones Presentation, February 22 Live History Presentation

February 15 – Archdiocese of Toronto Youth Office– authentic love and chastity presentation to grades 7 and 8

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$10,381.33.

Other Business

It has been suggested that Grade 2s and Grade 7s are asked what they would like as a gift. Parent Council is willing to spend up to \$10 per child for each of the grades. Votes held; motion passed.

Parent Council was asked if they would assist with the expense of a Smart Board for the library. Vote held; motion passed. It was agreed to provide \$1,000 towards the purchase of the Smart Board for the library.

The Sewing Studio is willing to come back this year for two days. Price dropped to \$10 per child. Parent Council is willing to cover the total cost for all students to participate. J. Vieira to investigate if cost can be dropped any further or if they can donate another sewing machine to the school's makerspace. Vote held to pay; motion passed.

With no other business and no further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting adjourned.