PTP Minutes September 12, 2023

<u>In Attendance</u>: Kyla Burry (Co-Chair), Tabitha Wadden (Co-Chair), Tom Cleary (Principal), Chris Dawson (Vice-Principal), Cindy Ng (Teacher), Tenaya Gagne (Parent), Allie Thibault (Parent), Tracey Cochrane (Teacher), Julia Lewis (Parent), Kim Yochoff (Parent), Hazel Kara (Parent), Amy Casy (Parent), David/Lu Li (Parents), Lindsay Burns (Parent), Alison Pettipas (Parent)

Regrets: Sonja Marfels (Teacher), Shannon MacLeod (Teacher), Mariah Retieffe (Parent), Kelsey Johnston (Parent)

Meeting called to order by Cindy Ng at 6:33 p.m.

- 1. Approval of previous minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve Kim Yochoff
 - b. Seconded Tenaya Gagne
- 2. Previous year-end financial update:
 - a. Financial balances:
 - i. General PTP: \$2,514.76
 - ii. Read-a-thon: \$0 (fully spent on books!)
 - iii. Activity-thon: \$13,725.18
 - Bikes donated by PTP for this fundraiser (\$632.48)
 - Balance remaining \$13,082.72 was applied to allocate \$100/teacher for 37 teachers, \$7,808 to purchase new lpads, purchase supplies for end-of-year ice cream social, and grade 5 t-shirts
 - Decided to allocate an additional \$350 from remaining funds to purchase new books for pre-primary classrooms (teachers to come up with a list of books to purchase and distribute through classrooms).
 - Remaining balance of \$400.52 from Activity-Thon to be moved to the PTP-General account as start-up fund for 2023-24 year (brings general account close to ~\$3,000).
- 3. Vacant position nominations & vote:
 - a. Fundraising Chair
 - b. Social Events Chair
 - i. Idea could be that these would act as a sub-committee & not just one person.

- ii. Other option could be to spur off on a 1-by-1 basis for events (example: Person would bring a proposal to the PTP on idea, budget, plan/logistics, etc.).
- No volunteers and no nominations were made for these roles at the meeting.
- 4. 2023/24 School Year Brainstorming / Ideas:
 - a. Goal is to improve communication with school community
 - PTP section of website to be updated and a widget will be added to homepage for more visibility. Page to be kept updated with upcoming events through the school year.
 - ii. Come up with a list of events for the year and share with school to encourage volunteers and allow people to plan in advance.
 - b. School nights booked (available for events outside of school hours):
 - i. September 21 (previously curriculum night determined too soon to plan anything and will not use).
 - ii. October 26
 - iii. December 12/13 Winter concerts in afternoon
 - iv. February 8
 - v. April 16/17 Spring concerts in afternoon
 - vi. May 9
 - vii. June 6
 - c. Fundraising & Event ideas:
 - i. Grade 5 event (discussed possibility of early in the year or towards end of year).
 - Dance (for grade 5s only)
 - Ask CPA Leadership to help plan/run an "Event Day" for the Grade 5s (similar to a field day).
 - ii. Holiday Bazaar (students bring in donation items from home and then can come and purchase gifts for their family/friends for a set price each ex. everything for \$1 or \$2).
 - Would need to ensure that anything left over is removed from the school and brought to a donation centre.
 - iii. Read-a-Thon
 - Discussed the possibility of doing earlier in the year in September but decided insufficient time to organize. November or January (aligns with literacy week) would be more feasible.
 - iv. Activity-thon
 - v. Bake sale
 - Split into multiple days by grade.
 - vi. Movie night
 - Would be free for families to attend movie and PTP would host a canteen with snack options for purchase (ex. Chips, pop, water, candy bags, popcorn).
 - Determined to have on October 26.

- Will have staggered start times with age appropriate options (ex. 5:30 / 6:00 / 6:30 each showing a different movie/show).
- Planning committee to be Tabitha Wadden, Tenaya Allison, and Allie Thibault.
- If successful, could host another in the new year (February).
- vii. Haunted school night
 - Would be best held in modular.
- viii. Spring Fling
 - On radar but PTP may be better equipped in next school year (2024/25) as the committee needs to build more volunteers.
- ix. Cookie dough / Frozen pies / Wreath sales / Wrapping paper
- x. PJ days
- xi. Bingo night
- xii. Events brought into the school
 - Cultural events / Presentations by not-for-profits.
 - Capacity challenge: Cannot bring the whole school into the gym at once.
- 5. Next meeting October 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in person.
 - Tracy Cochrane volunteered her classroom (#311 in Modulars) for the meeting.
 - Will decide on plans for the remainder of the year.
 - Bring ideas for events / contacts for people to bring into the school for cultural events.
 - Staff wish list.