

JCPS Parent Council Meeting

September 25, 2013

Attendance: Maxine Jordan, Karen Round, John Round, Laurie Stapley, Kelly Wicks (Treasurer), Lee-Ann Grof, Tammy Mitchell, Andrea Coombs (Co-Chair), Stephanie Porter (Co-Chair), Jen Kraan, Leigh-Ann Eyers, Brooke Moore, Alicia Taffe, Leanne Bailey-Goble, Denise Marsh, Shannon Smith (Secretary)

1. Treasurer's Report

Maxine gave us a run-down of profits and costs from last year's events (i.e., Motor Cross Night) and this year's Welcome BBQ. The report was unavailable for this meeting. A copy will be given out at our next meeting.

2. Elections

- Andrea Coombs and Stephanie Porter (Co-Chairs)
- Darren and Kelly Wicks (Treasurer)
- Shannon Smith (Secretary)
- Jen Kraan
- John Round
- Lee-Ann Eyers
- Tammy Mitchell
- Laurie Stapley

3. Citrus Fundraiser

- Wondering about incentives for "top-sellers" – family – decided this is a NO
- Other prizes for some top sellers (i.e., gift cards to movies)
- Pump it up at school to promote fundraising competition between classes
- Make it visible in the front of school (i.e., graph, visual pictures)
- Division Incentives for certain benchmarks/goals involving the teachers (i.e., taping David Short to a flagpole, pie in the face of Mrs. Jordan, extra recess, pizza party)
- Andrea Coombs will create the visual for the front of the school
- Kelly Wicks met with the organizer, still determining a date to begin
- Citrus sales come in the week of November 18, 2013
- Need new forms – Darren Wicks will connect with Pierre
- Would like to begin by the week before Thanksgiving

4. Haunt Your Home – not happening this year. Perhaps next year

5. Christmas Parade

- We will revisit this idea at our next meeting – whether we want to have a float
- Karen Round suggested a meeting spot where our kids could all come in school colours and watch the parade together
- Karen Round will provide a few pieces of literature related to some ideas re: selling a product at the parade

6. Principal's Report

- Pizza sales – this has become a job handled by the school (through Mrs. Vella and parent volunteers)
- Pita Pit Sales
 - Wondering if Parent Council would like to continue with this
 - Co-Chairs can discuss and get back to Maxine

- Staffing – there have been some changes.

- Newsletters sent home electronically as opposed to paper copies. A place to register through our website. Parents could register their email. This would minimize the amount of paper we send home.

- We are on TWITTER!!!

- EQAO results will be published in the next newsletter. Individual student reports will be sent home in the near future. Maxine gave an overview of our results in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. This information will help to drive our instruction. The teachers will be moving forward with professional development to target our greatest area of need (mathematics).

- Extra-Curricular Activities – really happening in this building. Maxine spoke on the different activities that are up and running at this time. New this year, is the primary soccer team.

7. Council Newsletter

- Andrea would like to add something from parent council in a few newsletters over the year
- parents need to contact school if they have a concern/complaint – not a council issue
- parents can email Maxine if they have an issue/idea they would like council to discuss
- We can add items to the school website – Just give these to Maxine

8. Parent Engagement – some ideas

- Parent Engagement \$ can cover the cost of babysitters so parents feel more comfortable attending the meetings
- Family Skating Time
- Art Night at end of year
- Auctioneer to Auction of a class art project to raise funds for the school

9. Community Consultation

- **The 7 Questions** – asked by the Ministry to consider the questions at this first council meeting
- Email Maxine with some of your thoughts/insights in regards to these 7 questions
- Maxine will attend the October 17, 2013 District School Council/Parent Involvement Committee Meeting at the Board Office **7:00pm**
- Karen Round is asking for as many people to attend the meeting and respond to the questions (can email Maxine if you can't make the meeting)
- Looking for a **STRONG** parent voice
- Encouraged to research these questions as “homework” and get back to Maxine – communicate with one another through email

10. Student Recognition

- Jen Kraan asked about “Student of the Month” certificates
- We will have monthly assemblies, but Character Education awards and “Student of the Month” awards will not be part of the assemblies
- We will be showcasing talents and learning at each assembly
- We have a Character Tree where we celebrate the different traits for each month – we celebrate kids by having them put a leaf on the tree
- The staff celebrates kids in different ways in their classrooms

11. SK Kindergarten Graduation

- Jen Kraan is wondering if this is something we could implement
- Maxine reports that it will depend on the teacher – this will be something the teachers will make a decision about – cannot be a directive

12. Next meeting – October 23, 2013