

Le Phare School Council

Meeting Notes

April 2023

Rapid meetings notes!

VP Juliet:

- class lists and timetables and student population evolves this time of year
- EQAO coming up
- La Crosse classes coming up Gr 4-5 with UofO
- Soccer in May
- Grad trip to City of Ottawa and a transition fun day with Robert Hop, Carson, Henry Munro
- Media Smarts presentation for parents
- May 1-5 Literacy Week planned by Sarah Ashton

Sarah Ashton leading Literacy Week

- all staff members signed up to help yay
- need some family volunteers!
- rundown of activities planned
- **Sarah will send us** the list of volunteers needed and times and we'll try to recruit and coordinate volunteers
- yes parents should have their ONFE volunteer registration

Updates on our recent donations to the school:

A) field trips money. Yes some was set aside for Makskimming and Gr 5s (but turns out City Hall is paying for Gr 5 yay!). So teachers will send proposals Deirdre for other field trip options. Kinders are planning an on-site field trip/visitor.

B) family supports \$750 for extracurricular. Gloucester Soccer club has camps which might be a good fit. Sounds great. **Once Deirdre connects with nominated families she'll ask Marianna if any help paying or registering is needed.**

Financial update

- about \$10,800
- includes \$600 from PRO Grant that Juliet applied for and \$500 standard annual allocation from PIC
- about \$3,000 of that had been set aside for future yard improvements if we wish to continue carrying that forward. We could also add another 10% of this year's income to that pot if we want. (Or we can spend it!)
- Yes we need to spend most of our incoming from this year (but can carry forward a set amount for a future savings goal)

Popcorn and Lunches

- going to offer a one-time lump purchase for last 7 weeks. Message will go out soon!
- **Rachelle can help deliver and sort (and lunches too). Kristina will update the volunteer schedule and contact Rachelle**
- comes across seamless from the school's view hooray!

Wishlist purchases, literacy

Council had previously notionally set aside \$3K for Wishlist, starting with literacy.

A) School is proposing a 14 month subscription to Raz for the few teachers who are currently using it. Then it could end or school could reassess at the end of next year if it should be renewed for future years. Seems an unsustainable cost long term, but at the moment it is built into teachers' reading curriculum so hard to end abruptly. Raz won't offer less than a 1 year subscription but it's expensive. **Costs to follow for money motion via voting form.**

B) School proposing French reader sets. Lots of research done and immersion consultants have been engaged and are very supportive. Reading sets have been chosen. Storage kits and/or tote bags to help transport the readers would also be requested. **Costs to follow for money motion via voting form.**

Total cost anticipated around \$3K. Money motion form to follow.

Chess

- a parent is interested in a paid parent after school chess tutor program, 3pm weekly
- no opposition so **Marianna will continue working with Jevin** to book it and gauge parent registration interest.

June picnic

- what's the scope of our event? About the same as last year.
- **Members please send your ideas for a performer or other activities that might be appealing and easy to plan.**
- notionally set aside \$1000 budget (last year was just over \$600)
- Pick a date: 14th with Fri 16th rain date
- **poster and promotion = Marianna**
- **please help us confirm our activities and book performer before May meeting via email. Need your input!**
- **We'll need to confirm costs a budget and decide if everything is free or if there's an on-site fundraiser option.**

Grad swag

- it's a new-ish tradition, former Principal started and in lieu of the Council-funded grad luncheon. (School used to help pay)
- It has been appreciated by kids and families.
- Marianna offers consideration for cost for 40-50 kids and if that funding could be spent instead on learning enrichment. To mitigate costs, perhaps parents contribute to cost, or Tshirts/caps instead of Hoodies.
- **Kristina, Juliet and others will explore options for costs before a money motion is prepared.**

Teacher question:

Will Council offer food during EQAO? No, EQAO is short and efficient in four sittings and food won't be needed

Staff appreciation

- could be in person or delivered snacks/gifts
- farm boy is a good idea
- **Nicole and Neil will look at last year's costs.**

- Marianna will explore lunch quote for 40 staff

Next meetings

May and June

Used to do the AGA in June to plan for future year, but in recent years we find Sept works better for onboarding new members/elections.

Thanks all or for time!

Marianna

(CoChair)