

## Le Phare School Council Meeting Notes October 17 2023

### Attendees:

1. Marianna
2. Jaya
3. Julia
4. Priyanka
5. Principal Spearman
6. VP Sims
7. Sam
8. Mateo
9. Steve
10. Justyna and Allan
11. Kristina
12. Caroline
13. Viviana
14. Teacher rep: Amalia Furano
15. Jessica
16. Neil
17. Peg

1. Land acknowledgement by Jaya
2. Remarks from Principal Spearman

### Staffing Update:

- No reorganization needed; prior announcement due to provincial class cap.
- Staffing officer found an alternative solution

- Budget:
  - Le Phare separate from OCDSB, over \$30,000 in debt (likely 2021-2022 spending).
  - Principal Spearman working on a budget plan, aiming for repayment in 6 years.
  - Decisions on field trips and cultural events affected by debt.
  - School is dependent on fundraising.
- Council Advice:
  - Emphasized the importance of not placing blame.
  - Focus on setting a strong budget plan before departure.
  - Seeking a principal profile with financial experience.

### 3. Council Finance

- treasurers: Kristina and Neil
- \$9000 In bank account
- Looking for In kind donations (Neil working with Costco, Wal-Mart, etc.)
- Physical activity grant due in November (Kristina)

### 4. Monster mash operating budget: passed

- suggestion made for tickets being sold online; pros and cons discussed.

### 5. Lunch Program Update

- Issues ordering online: go to School cash online first, then when clicking on child's name, then go to lunch box online.
- Sponsorship for kids in need for special lunches: underway

### 6. Parent flyer

- Council interested in paper instructions to be sent before winter (snow day information)
- Language setting for Messenger; contact Lindy in main office

7. Family Survey : to be sent soon

8. School merchandise

- Peg will liaise with Kristina
- Kristina will reach out to Houle sports
- Possibility of having a company come to the school for parents and kids to try clothes and order through them.

9. Other fundraising ideas

- Wreaths: information coming
- Family photo shoot (before March break or at PicNic?): to be explored
- Movie night in winter
- Spend time in November to plan the fundraising events for next few months?

10. Monster mash planning

- plan
- Next few days: pizza decision?
- Crafts in library

11. Misc.

- Teachers' wish list is still an option to help school
- Principal reassures that school is well stocked.

Thank you for great first meeting!