

Le Phare ES School Council Meeting Minutes January 2024

- Roundtable intros
- New Principal
 - Welcome Sheila, a grad of OCDSB and working for OCDSB for 25 years, previously at a French Immersion center, and a previous teacher rep on a Council, most recently VP at a school for students with developmental disabilities, desire to build partnerships, toward sense of belonging for student to contribute to safe and positive experiences for kids. Parent involvement leads to higher social-emotional wellbeing and learning outcomes. Invite families to reach out and ready to work together and support family needs, towards a vibrant school community.
- Principals' update and Q&A
 - Scientists in schools scheduled for this month, Gr 4 and Gr 5. Thanks to Council donation.
 - Reintroducing school assemblies since Covid. Starts this Friday.
 - Booked Inuit Centre presentation in February for the whole school "Games in the Igloo", and it's free!
 - Exploring ideas for outdoor education activity to use with a grant that's available to the school budget (not a Council-led Grant application)
 - On field trips, finding buses is hard for more than one class at a time (cost notwithstanding, buses are overbooked). But School willing to pursue off-site field trips.
 - School leadership team re-opened for students. Sub committees - assemblies, winter play day, art displays, etc. Discussion about the possibility of a Gr. 5-led fundraiser.
- Swag/merch:
 - Requires added help to coordinate it; too much work for only 1-2 people.
 - And consideration for Gr 5 special grad item.
 - Minimum orders are a consideration, and cost.
 - **Sam is happy** to help with the online order portion of the work again.
 - **Will revisit at a later date**
- Constitution
 - Proposing for input and approval. Described purpose and draft content. Desire to reach consensus (avoiding an No votes on this.) One addition will reflect the advice included in the recent Financial Memo.
 - **Members invited to provide input to Jaya as soon as possible, will present a Motion to pass the Constitution.**
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/15KiHUPs4UQ1yQXrp_rud668MNEQ7z0uZmrOM6HZlz6c/edit?usp=sharing
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k84yzlZeJERJvn7zz0R92z8AxKvliNlv/view?usp=drive_link

- Finance update:
 - Some recent deposits include Purdy's chocolates for about \$750 and lunches.
 - Current balance is about \$11K.
 - **Co-Treasurer Neil can confirm other financial considerations, if any, following the meeting via email.**

- Discussion: Lunches and buying donated/sponsored lunches for Le Phare students.
 - **Some followup will be required to clarify sponsored orders, process, student privacy protection, and tech limitations.**
 - **Principal will inquire if translation for a family wishing to order lunches would be of interest.**

- Bottle drive
 - Encourage families to drop off!

- Popcorn
 - 2 teachers are willing to organize but looking for help/direction.
 - Discussion on the methods to collect money (cash or online) and how to distribute. The frequency is also a consideration.
 - **Will continue planning offline.**

- PRO Grant
 - Yes submitted, prepared by Tea, will aim to fund an evening talent show in Spring (culture focus).

- Jump Start Grant
 - A parent volunteer is working with the school; due Feb 16th; outdoor education or phys ed focus. Desire for a field trip.

- Movie night
 - On track
 - Yes, let's try a raffle and/or back sale during the movies!
 - **Justyna will send Jaya some ideas and we can try to seek some raffle donations.**

- Future ideas
 - Stompathon (like Terry Fox, sponsorship for snowshoe laps around the yard).
 - **We will consider Purdy's chocolate in May for Mother's Day if there is a parent volunteer.**

- Next steps:
 - Popcorn sub-discussion, and money motion to come as required.
 - Movie night money motion to come, plus planning and volunteers.