

DDS Home & School Council Meeting

April 6, 2017

DDS Library

Present: Kelly Spanke, Melanie Fleischhauer, Michelle Marti, Cammy Dunn, Kelly McLeod, Sandra Fremstad. Teacher – Lana Grandmont, Principal – Shari Rogerson, Trustee – Craig Whitehead.

Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:45pm. Agenda was circulated with one addition – AGLC license - and approved by Melanie. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved by Cammy (Michelle sec).

Old Business:

Early Finish Friday meeting happened, but there was a miscommunication with the ballots as parents of grade 6 students going to the high school did not receive votes. The only affect this will have on DDS is when the results can be made public (votes were still due in and counted with very high amount returned). The high school count had to be delayed to allow for the gr 6 ballots. Results will be made public on April 13th.

Field Trips - after having the list of the destinations for each grade, Kelly calculated mileage and bussing costs as well as admissions taking into the account the \$10 each student k-4 are expected to pay and came up with a total of \$5,174.90. Gr 5 and 6 students will have to pay more for their respective trips (likely \$25-35 for gr 5 and \$50 for gr 6). Discussion was held on what Betterment would subsidize with Sandra motioning “**Betterment pay \$5,000 to DDS for fieldtrips**”. Melanie sec. carried.

DDS sign – Shari has quotes and plans to apply for CFEP grant to make up the difference after the \$10,000 that Betterment has promised from casino funds. The only drawback of CFEP is time as they accept applications quarterly and it is about a 6 month waiting period for funds if approved. The Land Reserve Trust Grant was mentioned and Shari will look into that. It is easier to apply for and much quicker. Applications are not out yet.

New Business:

Discussion was held on **future expenditures**. Shari presented “Director’s Cut”, which is making videos, and using technology. It costs around \$22 per child. It is a week long program and we are running out of time for this school year, so it is tabled for now but quite interested in it for next year.

Kelly S motioned for “**Betterment pay for Scientists in the classroom for K-6 this spring up to \$1500.**” Michelle sec. carried.

Henderson Pool – because hot dogs have made so much money, DDS has rented the pool from 1-2:30 on June 15th for the whole school.

Staff Appreciation Lunch - May 2nd

As we have a significant amount of money in hot lunch account thanks to Schooten’s free meals, Cammy motioned “**H&S spend up to \$500.00 to bring lunch in for staff**”. Melanie sec. carried. Sandra will talk to Ram about a Mexican meal with a note that one member is gluten free. If Hotel is unable, will talk to M&E for Chinese with pizza for Mitchell.

Betterment Report:

Sandra reported that there has been no activity since the juggler, although payment for postage, envelopes etc for EFF vote will come from here.

PSBSPB is holding \$26,120.76 for H&S.

Casino account has \$10,194.15.

PBHS has golf tournament fundraiser planned in early June.

Lunch Report

Kelly S reported that she is not wanting to continue with 1 homemade and 1 brought in lunch each month as it is getting to be too much. She has a couple parents willing to help, one of them being Tina Wiebe. She is proposing that there be a parent in charge of a homemade meal each month and they would prepare and serve it. She will draft a letter to see if volunteers will step up for next year. There was also discussion on feeding hungry kids and that she feels H&S could afford to provide students with meals at teacher's discretion. Government announcement may have some effect on this as well, but details are not known as of yet.

Schooten's are willing to donate and cook for track meet on June 8th. They are willing to feed all students, staff and parents, however Shari will talk to Cody about that. We feel parents should pay and it will have to be pre ordered due to the expectation and treatment by some in the past.

There is \$780.62 in the account with a \$600.00 cheque from Schooten's.

\$1380.62 in account. (Staff lunch will also come out of this).

Kelly S motioned **"we spend up to \$500.00 for a bouncy castle at track meet for 3 hours"**. Michelle sec. carried.

Principal's report:

Shari had rave reviews about the self regulation trip she went on. They toured schools and learned about research strategies behind it. Ontario is very committed to health and wellness. DDS will be a pilot school for it.

For Canada 150 – on Thursday , May 18 everyone will be asked to wear red.

Symphony – Feel the Beat at Southminster United Church on May 25th in the morning with YoYo presenter in the afternoon.

There have been 7 new registrations bringing us up to 149 kids.

Gr 6 want to raffle baskets for Me to WE. Shari has asked Betterment to apply for a raffle license as AGLC requires one for all raffles.

Trustee's Report:

Craig reported that Kevin Gietz was terminated without pay and without notice. The lawyer agreed there was just cause and because of that if there is a law suit in the future over this, insurance will cover Palliser's costs.

They are hoping to have a new superintendent hired by the end of June.

They are working to have all policies in place by the end of June as well.

Strategic planning that hasn't been done in 20 years is being done.

There is meeting with Town of Picture Butte to discuss joint use agreement to get school yard irrigated. As of May 1st, all Palliser vehicles will have logo's on and users must keep a log. Personal use will following CRA guidelines.

The findings of the Organizational review has Palliser working hard to address the culture. There will be an Ombudsman available for parents and staff who will give review of complaints to the board. Teacher issues will still have to go through the ATA.

There is a 1.6 million dollar shortfall in the projected budget.

Lots of conferences going on trying to address necessary changes.

Next meeting set for Thursday, May 11th at 3:40pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

