



Home and School Association & Student Council Meeting – 12 NOV 2018

Welcome, Sign In and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6.35

Principal's Message

- Remembrance Day – Ellwood parent, Steve Clark, came in and spoke to the Grade 5s. Great experience for the kids. Mr Stegeman spoke with Grade 5s and went to the cenotaph with them.
- Parent teacher Interview night this Thursday.
- Buddy Bench finally installed. It will tie in well with Anti-bullying week which begins next week. – starting the 19th. The school has partnered with the Toronto Argos for the Huddle Up program – 10 student leaders in this program will also help integrate Buddy Bench into the school yard.
- Currently 380 students enrolled at Ellwood.
- Raised over \$7000 at the Halloween Dance-a-Thon: very successful. Overall budget is given from the board and divided by the pupil head count. Each classroom has a set amount of money from there and they can decide how they want as a classroom or grade team.
- 4th December: Junior Play – The Grunch is in 3 weeks.
- 22nd November: Student Census – K – G3 students, going out to all Peel students, Parents. One per child. Due back by the end of November. G4/5 students will complete in school. Totally voluntary, but not confidential. They are linking marks and addresses in the computer system. Used to create more targeted programs and trends across the board.
- Dec 3rd – 7th having the hour of code. Coding club where children learn all about coding.
- Nov 30 – Plaid Day
- 6th December - Sneak a Peak Day – across PDSB. Allowing anyone to come in and take a look at full day kindergarten. They are able to show up on the day of and possibly with their children. A teacher and an ECE will be assigned to this initiative. Registration will still begin end of Jan, begin of Feb.
- Shop with a Cop. Each year the Caledon OPP selects 3-4 children to take for a ride with a police officer and a trip to Walmart for a gift for the child and his/her family. Normally funded by the school, this year funded by the OPP.
- Entertaining the idea of a breakfast program. H&S program has looked into this before and didn't find it possible as there were a few challenges. Idea from member is a healthy option at around 10am, or a basket that goes around to the classrooms. Member is sending more info to Mr. Greenhow.

Financial Update

- The Home and School account still has a healthy balance. (Just over 14k)
- Spirit Wear – currently don't have the expenses yet
- Cookie Days – sold 220 cookies for EACH month. We have extra cookies – so a remind message will go out to buy individual at \$1.50 each - made over \$1k on cookies – VERY successful

Fundraisers

a. MacMillan's Update

- Last year we had 60 orders and the profit was around \$1,600
- This year we had 40 orders and the profit was \$2205
- Drop off is now 11:30am instead of 10:30am.
- Member will print the excel spreadsheets. Weather should be good to keep all the product outside.
- Need to make sure all people pick up all their orders! Put a sign on the door. Did you get your Mac... order?

b. FundScrip/FlipGive

- In the past we have run a program called FundScrip, but a better program seems to be FlipGive. Appears to be a program like Ebates. Go into FlipGive under a specific number and you can buy gift cards, egift cards or online shop. Once \$100 is reached it can be cashed out. There isn't a deadline on this so it may be a better option.

Teacher Requests

- Mrs Amaral (GR 4) Hush Ups - Noise reducing pre-cut tennis balls for chairs. 5 dozen for \$131 dollars, (+ shipping) Total: \$150.65. **APPROVED.**
- ISSP - Noise cancelling headphones. So students are not limited by their sensory needs. 6 pairs total = \$157.70. ISSP would also like 6 calafone headsets to speak into the mics. 8 x \$42.26 total \$382.03. **APPROVED.**
- Spirit Wear- Board vendor which was used for the last order of student wear. Will be offering all this apparel to the staff. Subsidize the golf shirts for the teachers. \$25.00 – hoping to sub to \$10. Approximately \$700 – assuming everyone purchased one. **DECLINED.**

Spirit Wear Update

- Still waiting for the hat mock ups - having a difficult time working with the vendors. Another member might try to speak with vendor. Currently no update.

Winter Carnival Update

- Dec 8th 10am – 1pm in the gym – Permit complete, Raffle permit is on its way - \$5 entry fee to play all the games you want. Two raffles tickets and 1 food ticket.
- Santa - outfit complete and someone to wear it. Will be set up on stage.
- Raffles & Donations – letter drafted up and can be taken to local business. Raffle taking place at 12.
- Food – hot dogs, buns, popcorn, cotton candy, cookies, water and juice
- Music – able to use the sound system.
- Games/Crafts – several great ideas passed around

- Decorations – wrap empty boxes and bring into the empty classroom the week before, inflatables available if they can be done, kiddie pool for duck pond
- Volunteers – list was passed around
- Next meeting to plan Winter Carnival: Monday, November 19 @ Starbucks

Open Discussion

- Synervoice call being made this week – add Macmillans reminder

Next Meeting: Monday, 10th December 2018 at 6.30pm in the library.