

## **Kent Public School Council**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

**Present:** Adrianna Douglas, Sarah Turner, Kimberley Shannick, Tiffany Hickey, Cara Owens, Samantha Larmer, Erin Keogh, Rebecca Coggins

**Regrets:** Paula Eckel

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Adrianna requested an addition to the agenda - to discuss playground at the end - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Samantha, seconded by Cara.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Erin, seconded by Samantha.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Mermil Products (Travis Walker) has committed to donating the supply and install of the playground structure in the Primary Yard - he has been in touch with KPR and Henderson Playgrounds - there will be no invoice to Kent, the structure will just arrive - they have scheduled the installation for the beginning of July (donation valued at approximately \$11,000)
- This will leave Council with approximately \$12 000 dedicated to playground, and \$16 000 if grant is approved by the CFCSN
- Some suggestions made were:
  - to look into installation of 'Twist Climber' for Junior Yard - equipment and installation quote is almost \$7,000 and we will likely need to look into some sort of surface - will have to get quote for surface
  - purchase two tether balls for existing poles in Junior yard (approximately \$220.00)
  - put money aside for future playground inspections (which Council has to do yearly – up to \$1000/year)
  - replenish sand box in primary yard and track and field jumping pits in Junior yard – will have to get a quote
  - move climber from Primary to Junior as previously discussed – will have to get a quote
  - Council needs to decide where funds for Florabunda Seeds and remaining Hot Lunch is going
- PRO Grant was approved for Zoo To You - \$979.25 – we changed our program which will only cost \$819.25 – we can spend up to \$97.00 on refreshments. Looked into Tim Horton prices – approximately \$23 for a box of coffee, approximately \$25 for box of hot chocolate, approximately \$11 for 50 Tim Bits. Curriculum connection document is created

- Last year's presentation Tribal Dance ended up being paid for by the school budget instead of the School Council – which left Council with a larger opening balance than expected this September
- Council was reminded about their commitment last year to Grad Lunch and Play Day as being yearly events
- Intermediate Basketball is on the go - Mrs. Marshall (girls) and Madame Gale (boys)
- Ms. Morford has opened a Homework Club on Day 5 at second break
- Ms. Gage and Ms. Richardson have a Games Club for the Grade 8's on Mondays and Wednesdays
- School Cash Online was not an option for Florabunda Seeds - keep in mind for future fundraisers – the reason was that the allowance of buying any variety of seed for \$3.80 was way too much to input – Adrianna will reach out if support is needed to finalize the order – will depend on how many are received

### **CUPE/ ETFO Report:**

- Since last meeting – shared by Cara

Jan 10 - Snow Day

Jan 11 - Grade 8s visited CDHS

Jan 15 - Bail's Book Club (Rutherford)

Jan 16 - Morford at Professional Development for Junior Language

Jan 17 - Trent Teacher Candidate started alternative placement in Larmer's class (Wednesdays and Fridays until March Break)

Jan 19 - Junior Professional Learning Communities led by Morford, Florabunda Fundraiser started

Jan 22 - Grade 4s in Hopkins, Grade 5s and 6s did Vaping Escape Room activity with the public health nurse

Jan 23 - Soup Day

Jan 24 - Snow Day

Jan 25- Snow Day

Jan 26 - some busses were cancelled

Feb 2 - PA Day - teachers writing report cards, support staff re-trained in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (valid now for 3 years)

Feb 5 - Bail's Book Club (Rutherford)

- Coming Up – Shared by Sam

Feb 7 - Class Photos & Grad Photos

Feb 8 - Florabunda Fundraiser Forms Due

Feb 13 - Belleville Senators visiting, Jersey Day

Feb 15 - Public Speaking in the gym – some will move to speak in the Legion Competition

Feb 16 - Occupational Therapists in the classroom - exemption forms due

Feb 19 - Family Day - school closed

Feb 20 - Term 1 report cards sent home, French Immersion & Extended French Info Night at Hillcrest (6-7p.m.)

Feb 21 - EAAA Basketball Tournaments at ENSS

Feb 22 – Soup Day

Feb 23 - Hay at Outdoor Ed

Feb 26 - Term 2 IEPs sent home, McRae at Outdoor Education, Grade 7/8 start Youth Violence Symposium (until March 7)

Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 29 - Registration for French Programs due

Mar 1 - KPREAA Girls Basketball (if we make it), Bail's Book Club (Rutherford)

Mar 4 - KPREAA Boys Basketball (if we make it)

### **Community Member's Report:**

N/A

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Opening Balance: \$10,874.08
- \$1,500 donations (Quinlan Excavating, Van Till Tree Care & King Auto) - in charitable trust to be transferred to council at a later date
- approximately \$1400 in chicken finger lunch profit to date - to be transferred later in the year
  - It is easy to run and distribute with a few student helpers
  - Simple and straightforward fundraiser
  - Helps that Jocelyn is very organized!

Rough Total: \$13,774.08

Plan to create tracking - what money is going to the playground, etc.

### **Fundraising Goals for the School Year:**

Mabel's Labels - still waiting for for \$50 cheque

Florabunda Seeds - find out Thursday how we made out

#### **FUTURE FUNDRAISING PLANS:**

- Council will continue to support upcoming grad lunch, continue to support play day annually, continue to use \$500 (ministry money) towards open house, and make sure to have funds for maintenance and inspection of the playground each school year.
- What do we want to support next? -enhance Kent's student well being initiatives (i.e., speakers, presentations)

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **ZOO TO YOU**

- Council decided to just make hot chocolate (Samantha has big bags of leftover hot chocolate we can use) and provide some water and juice boxes.
- Purchase timbits and Cara will contact Doohers about getting cookies.
- Get cups from Campbellford Wholesale and just use school paper towels for the few timbits and cookies
- Council plan to be there to greet and potentially recruit

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

- Vote on Tether Balls (\$220 - all voted yes - Lorne can install easily - can remove easily with a hook (i.e., in summertime when we aren't at school and possibly not in winter, also take them on and off daily - so they last longer)
- Do we know anyone locally who could give us sand for the sandbox and top up for the track and field pits - John Curtis or Nicholson Brothers? Cara will get quote from John Curtis, Adrianna to get quote from Nicholson
- Defer March 5 meeting to April 2 in lieu of Zoo To You - all in favour – also will have more info on finances (CFCSN grant, fundraiser proceeds, quotes for playground structure surface or moving climber) – Adrianna will look into these through KPR

**Next meeting:** April 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m. in school library

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:10 p.m.