



## **Parent Council AgendaMinutes – November 2, 2020**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - Tim, Michelle, Steve, Jackie, Jill, Phil, Michelle, Corinne, Ian, Mike, Casey (sorry if I forgot anyone)
- 2. Principals Report/Questions for Tim -**
  - a. Big thank you for all the cinch sacks and fanny packs. They have been a big it!
  - b. Tents are also well loved by the kinders.
  - c. Almost 25% of the school year is complete
  - d. Teachers are finding that students are needing more help with literacy
  - e. Progress reports go home November 13 (both in school and online).
  - f. November 19 - Parent-teacher interviews online and by phone
  - g. Kids are enjoying morning announcements. They are talking about mental health strategies, remembrance day and tree week.
  - h. Staff are getting prepared to be able to move to online learning, if required in future
  - i. Remembrance day won't be the usual assembly. Staff are working on a video to present to the school.
  - j. No EQAO this year
- 3. Fundraisers/Events**
  - a. Christmas trees - Steve is going to talk to Darcy tomorrow
  - b. Spirit Wear - UR Store has been launched. People can order and it ships directly to their home. PG receives 10% back and requires no effort on our part
  - c. Christmas concert - Unfortunately, teachers are too overwhelmed to help with this at this point. Will reassess possibly in December. Possibly something involving singing or Christmas cheer can be done.
  - d. New ideas? - Amber emailed after the meeting about Dieleman fundraising.  
<https://dfscanada.com/fundraising-programs/> Jackie/Amber will look into to see if it's too late to do prior to Christmas.

#### **4. Purchases**

- a. Guitars - Jackie has emailed Mr. Creasor to get his opinion. Guitars are \$250 each. How many would they like?
- b. New purchases? We would like to offer \$300 to each classroom for spending where teachers feel the need is the greatest. Mrs. Creasor used funds to purchase math kits, however, the money could be spent on literacy, art supplies, school supplies, etc. Tim will email teachers to let them know the offer is there.

**5. New Business/Ideas/Issues** - Jill asked if there is a need for hats, mittens and snowsuits for kids in need. Tim thinks there is. Steve will talk to Darcy and Walmart to see if we can get a deal. There are other programs in the community as well, such as the food bank (Casey will inquire). We will start with purchasing hats and mittens to give to Merina to hand out as required.

**6. Financials** - \$13,000 in long term, \$2,000 in short term.

**7. Next Meeting** - Monday, December 7 at 6:30