

Caldwell Street School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
October 28th 2021
6pm

In Attendance:

Sara Woodley
Maeghan Gapp
Lori Flegg
Lindsay Chunik- Chair
Melanie Baker
Denise Packard-MacDougall
Heather McNutt
Amanda Wark
Carmela Cicio- Principal
McKenzie Alain-Secretary

- Meeting held virtually through Microsoft Teams.
- No amendments to previous meetings minutes
- Carmela asked Lindsay to use parent's emails instead of their children's school board emails for distribution of future Parent Council information.
- Maeghan has joined Parent Council as a member
- looked at Agenda from October 2020 Parent Council meeting to see the structure previously used
- Still waiting on exact amount of funds but the account for Parent Council has approximately \$6000.00

Principal's Report (Carmela+Sara):

- good weather was allowing classes to be outside as much as possible, and participate in a lot of outdoor games and physical education. (etc.: Pumpkin relays)
- Teachers are working on Progress reports. They are trying to focus on if a child is progressing and making improvements, rather than focusing on grades. Important to see how they are settling into school.
- Teachers will reach out to parents if there are concerns
- The spirit week activities were class initiated and a school initiative. Not all students were aware and some thought they had missed a memo. There will be more spirit days to come but they will be school led.
- Hot lunches are allowed to begin again. Subway is the easiest distribution by class. Pizza is harder and there is a lot of waste if pizza is individually packaged. It is better to have large pizza's that are distributed by volunteers. Payment for hot lunch will be online. Looking to initiate ordering in December 2021 so that the first hot lunch will be January 2022.
 - Maeghan asked how it would work to have volunteers come into the school? And mentioned that the online payments are through My Family Room, and instructions for loading funds onto your account would be needed for parents.

-Carmela advised volunteers would only be needed for approx. 20 minutes for distribution. Carmela will work with Rachel to get instructions for parents. The milk program is currently on hold. Proposed that Pizza day on Tuesdays and Subway day on Thursdays. There is less profit with Subway.

Lindsay asked about volunteer restrictions. Carmela advised they must wear a mask at all times, be double vaccinated or receive a negative antigen test, and have their vulnerable sectors check.

-Sara presented about the Anti Bullying plan

-Its almost done being created and there are teaching and non-teaching staff working together.

-it will define bullying, cyber-bullying (in and out of school)

-discusses social, relational, physical, verbal and emotional

-it will teach strategies to kids

-will teach terms "bullying", "respect", "kindness" and how to accurately identify

-will have strategies for chin-ins and a form to monitor/data track

-will help differentiate between conflict and bullying

-bullying needs to be reported immediately to yard staff

-the school is trying to ensure that each student has a connection with at least one teacher

-The anti-bullying team will meet throughout the year and it will be reported back at Parent Council meetings.

-The school will be open during inclement weather days. At home kids will have digital and non digital activities to review on those days. There will be no synchronous learning on those days.

-Surveys were sent home on how activities will proceed if there is a class closure. If there is a closure that lasts only a couple of weeks then the school may not be able to lend devices. If there is not responses to the survey then paper copies will be sent home.

Future Events:

-We are too late into the year to participate in Fresh From the Farm

-We cannot have a Holiday Shop as cohorts are not to be mixed

-There is a hold on other events for now until there is more guidance from the Health Unit.

Swag Clothing:

Maeghan noted that Level One Gear works with other schools and they are in the process of making a price list for us which would include: tshirts, long sleeve tees. If sweaters were ordered they could personalize by adding names. Carmela discourages the sale of small items as they are often lost or picked up by the wrong student. It will be discussed what the price differences would be if we place a bulk order instead of parents placing individual orders. Also check if it would be less expensive to have just a black/white logo, or just the school name instead of logo. Quotes from other companies will also be looked into.

Covid-19:

There is no update about vaccination for under age 12.

Next meeting to be held November 25th 2021 at 6pm virtually through Microsoft Teams.

