

Caldwell Street School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 7th 2022, 6pm

In Attendance

Carmela Ciocio
Lindsay Chunik
McKenzie Alain
Heather McNutt
Lori Flegg
Denise Packard-MacDougall
Donald Cram

Principal's update:

- intermural started up for gr3-6
- teachers have all planned their end of year trips. Gr 4-6 are going to camp Iowa (sp?) which will be \$50 per child, which \$25 of will be covered by the school. Subsidy is available for families who need it. Gr 1-3 will be going to Saunder's farm and both SK and JK will be going to Valley View Farm.
- Carm asks if Parent Council will cover the cost for parent volunteers.
- All present voted yes.
- Carm asks that parent volunteers not bring any other children along.
- Gr 3 and Gr 6 are doing EQAO with a new process.
- Staffing: the number of teachers for the 2022-2023 school year have now been allocated but they are very tight and Carm is hoping additional staff will be assigned as there are some teachers retiring.
- No update on school branded clothing
- Carm asked if Parent Council would split the cost of shirts for Grade 6 students who are leaving Caldwell
- All present voted yes.

School Board update from Donald Cram

- budget for next year is being reviewed, hoping for new initiatives to fit into the budget
- there are some immediate staffing issues and there is a hope that new graduating teachers will help fill the need
- the board is hoping that graduation ceremonies will be in person, but masks may be required
- Question from Lindsay: Can parents come into the schools? Carm replied yes for meetings but Teams is still most being used, no volunteers except Meghan at the hot lunches right now. There are no large assemblies yet. Currently 75 students are out of school daily.

Back to Carm:

Gr6 fundraiser for Ukraine refugees in Lanark selling lollipops. They are working with an Almonte organization called Carebridge(sp?)

- May 11th is kindergarten open house and hoping for in person

Lindsay:

- Vote for approval on the Parent Council magnets
- all present voted yes
- Can parents donate to cover cost of hot lunch for others? Carm and Heather both mention how difficult that would be to coordinate.
- Maybe Parent Council can cover a hot lunch for the whole school in June?
- All present voted yes.

May 12th meeting to be held in person at Caldwell Street School