**Caldwell Street Public School Parent Council Meeting – September 26th, 2023**

Wilson Parks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Wilson Parks (Principal), Nicole Dunn (EA representative), Aimee Lukenda (teacher representative), Amanda Gaudet, Natasha Major, Tiara Wallace, Johanna Golding, Lori Bolton

1. **Motion to approve minutes** from May 2023 by Natasha Major, seconded by Amanda Gaudet, and passed unanimously.
2. **Parent Council Nominations**

Wilson Parks requested nominations for the 2023-2024 school year. Self-nominations from Amanda Gaudet, Natasha Major and Johanna Golding. The following members are elected:

* **Chairperson**: Amanda Gaudet
* **Vice-Chairperson:** Natasha Major
* **Secretary**: Johanna Golding
* **Staff Representatives**: Aimee Lukenda (ETFO) & Nicole Dunn (CUPE)
1. **UCDSB School Council Policy**

Wilson Parks circulated the 2023 policy to the council for further reading.

1. **Classroom Requests for Funding**
	1. Mme. Reid requested $205.89 for Accelerative Integrated Methodology (AIM) online portals for Core French K-6 students. 2 new additional portals may be requested in 2024.
		1. Motion to approve $205.89 by Lori Bolton, seconded by Tiara Wallace, and passed unanimously.
	2. Foley Mountain Field Trip: Aimee Lukenda & Shauna Burton requested $300 for Grade 3/4 class and Wendy Mitchelitis requested $338 for Grade 5/6 class to offset parent costs for field trip to Foley Mountain Conservation Area.
		1. Motion to approve $300 for Grade 3 /4 and $338 for Grade 5/6 classes by Amanda Gaudet, seconded by Natasha Major and passed unanimously.
2. **Principal’s Report: Wilson Parks**

Student enrollment at 346 for this year. The school lost their 0.5 Office Assistant position which is being backfilled by School Administration.

MyFamilyRoom App has now been updated to resolve adding funds issue.

Hot lunch program has been re-started and will launch in October. Families are encouraged to submit their orders via MyFamilyRoom. School is currently accepting clothing donations until Oct. 6th. Student photos will take place on Oct. 12th. Carleton Place-Almonte-Pakenham Athletic Council has returned (known as C-CAP); Perth has requested to join the Athletic Council.

**Teacher Report: Aimee Lukenda**

Soccer and Cross-Country have commenced. Student council is back up and running and will be doing popcorn sales again on Friday.

**Support Staff Report: Nicole Dunn**

There are Kindergarten Immersion classes of 28 and 25; 7 x EAs, 2 x ECs and 2 Emergencies.

1. **Funding Ideas**
	1. Fresh From the Farm – note that we have missed enrollment in the program (was May 15th, 2023) and will re-evaluate in the Spring for 2024-2025 school year.
	2. First Aid for Fundraising – More information to come.
	3. DFS Canada – Natasha to provide more information at October’s parent council meeting.
	4. Halloween Trunk or Treat event – decision not to pursue this year.
	5. Christmas Donation sale – noted that last year presented some difficulties. If the council decides to pursue, will make changes this year (eg. gift bags instead of wrapping).
	6. Bookfair – second one may be held in Spring 2024.
2. **Q&A**
	1. New balanced schedule in place for this year affecting recess and lunch time. It is noted that lunch time is earlier, however teachers have adjusted and are providing afternoon snack times. Snack bin is being provided again.
	2. Council members to investigate available grants for this year.
	3. School fundraising needs include new smart boards, new play structure, asphalt repainting, outdoor classroom, new blinds, and adding something for Grade 4/5/6 yard.
	4. Children’s Charity of UCDSB Champions for Kids accepting applications (capped at $300 per student per year).
3. **Next Meeting Dates:**

Meetings will be held at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons each month on the following dates:

* October 11, 2023
* November 8, 2023
* December 13, 2023
* January 17, 2024
* February 21, 2024
* March 20, 2024
* April 17, 2024
* May 15, 2024

Meeting is adjourned at 7:30 pm.