**Caldwell Street Public School Parent Council Meeting – December 6th, 2023**

Attendance: Wilson Parks (Principal), Susan Olsen (Vice Principal), Nicole Dunn (EA Representative), Aimee Lukenda (Teacher representative), Amanda Gaudet, Natasha Major, Tiara Wallace, Darcie De Sousa, Johanna Golding, Heather McNutt, and Jennifer Scott.

1. Amanda Gaudet called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.
2. Motion to approve minutes from November 2023 by Amanda Gaudet, seconded by Natasha Major, and passed unanimously.
3. Fund-raising Updates
   1. DFS Canada (Natasha Major) – All orders have been distributed to families. Natasha voiced concern over one broken item. No other concerns have been received.
   2. Santa Photo (Jenn Scott) - $420 raised. Next year put fliers into kids backpacks and possibly offer holiday photo option without Santa.
   3. Holiday Market (Amanda Gaudet) – Gift tags to be given to Nicole Dunn and Mr. Parks to be distributed to the classes and filled out prior to market. 2 gifts/student. Cash float from office required, $150. Set up Friday and volunteers lined up for shifts.
   4. Raffle Baskets – Fliers to be distributed Monday, December 11 and in Sunday, December 10 email. Apple cheeks consignment may be able to offer wholesale prices for teachers on educational items. Early bird draw December 15th and final draw December 19th.
   5. Coffee & Cookie fundraiser – grade 6 students to decorate chairs for winning ticket. Volunteers to sell coffee and cookies. Tim Horton's providing coffee. Darcie, Amanda, Natasha donating cookies.
4. New Fund-raising Ideas
5. Spring -Tara photography - $175 value gift certificate donated. Raffle off for mothers day or at spring makers market.
6. Student council hosting valentines dance for the whole school population during the day. Candy donated by Foundry and Cosgrove real estate to be sold at dance.
7. Grade 6 dance hosting other schools, at this time administration does not want to move forward with this idea.
8. Junglesport – evening event, at this time, the current contract for February cannot be changed. In the future, we may be able to look at this.
9. Classroom gift cards
   1. motion to approve increase from 15 to 21 $50 gift cards by Amanda Gaudet, seconded by Natasha Major, passed unanimously. Increase of $300. Mr. Parks to send list of classroom/teachers to Jenn Scott. Future wish list from teachers next year.
10. End of year field trips
    1. Grade 3 request to continue their field trip to the museum. Budget to be given to teachers early to plan for trips. To be discussed at January meeting.
11. Community use of gym
    1. $19/hour + $40.33/hour for custodian for weekend use. Custodian would have to agree to work on the day and 3 hour minimum rental.
12. School Council Account Balance
    1. Balance is $5,195.33
13. PRO Grant
    1. Garden project, family fitness night with food. Amanda to contact Azura fitness and Melanie Keen (yoga/zumba). Date for submission January 30.
14. UCDSB Recording
    1. School council watched the 17 minute video from the Smith Falls meeting regarding the possible bell time changes.
15. Student Council/Staff Update
    1. Valentine's dance for all ages in February during the day.
    2. Spirit week-Last week of December school year. Mrs. Campagnolo doing an art club for grade 5/6 students during recess. (15 kids max)
    3. Melanie Perry (parent) running an art program for with funding provided by student council.
    4. Possibility of having JB Arts come to school to offer art classes.
16. Principal's Report
    1. EA Brooke Clark leaving at end of week from the Kindergarten classroom. Looking to hire new full time EA.
    2. Paul Compton ½ time teacher special education teacher has started.
    3. EQAO scores lower than wanted. Teachers revisited requirements and focusing on the learning concepts.
    4. Hot lunch orders going online for 2024
17. Next Meetings
    1. January 17, 2024
18. Items for next meeting
    1. Makers market
    2. crosswalk/stop sign petitioning
    3. PRO Grant
    4. Local restaurant night in 2024
    5. Photography raffle
    6. Field trip funding

Meeting is adjourned at 8:36 pm.