

St. Andrews School Parent Advisory Council Meeting
February 27, 2023
MINUTES

Attendance:

Crystal N., Jessica R., Sherry K., Bailee K., Brittney H., Anna H., Liz M., Paula Sowany (Principal), Lindsay Marsh (Vice principal)

1. Call To Order – 7:00

2. Approval of January 2022 Minutes – Moved to approve by Anna; seconded by Crystal

3. Call for any New Business – NSF cheque (teacher attempted to cash)

4. Principal's Report

- February school assembly was held at the beginning of the month to kick off “I Love to Read” month. We had many guest readers who came to share stories with our students during this month. Our grade 6 classes also visited the day care to read to the kids there. The “I Love to Read” committee planned fun activities throughout the month with a focus on reading and listening to stories with a theme of “I love to read about superheroes and hometown heroes”.
- Grade 5 and 6 skating took place over a few weeks during the lunch hour for those who wished to participate. Staff volunteers went with the students to the community club indoor rink.
- Our grade 6 badminton club participated in a divisional tournament on February 2 and the team represented St. Andrews well!
- Grade 5 and 6 basketball club has begun, with practices in the morning and lunch hour. This culminates with a basketball tournament in March.
- February 3 was a divisional PD day. Divisional staff participated in an online session in the morning with Dr. Ross Greene, who discussed problem solving with students to help address challenging behaviours. Mapleton School joined us for an afternoon focused on activities regarding collaboration and wellness.
- Teacher and staff appreciation week was Feb 6-10. School admin expressed appreciation to the amazing team that works here at St. Andrews!
- Valentine's Day celebrations were “back to normal” and students enjoyed this special day.
- Hot lunch continues to be a day that students and staff look forward to. Thank you to our PAC!
- Pink Shirt Day was February 22. The focus of this day is to encourage empathy, understanding, and kindness. Thank you to the Pink Shirt Day committee for sharing ideas and activities with the staff and students in recognition of this day.
- Whole school dress up on February 24 was Terrific Tie-Dye day. In January, we had Super Sock Day. For the remainder of the year, each month on the last Friday of the month, there will be a whole school dress-up day (which is optional) for students and staff to have a little fun.
- Teaching staff are working on preparing for report cards (coming home March 13) and student learning conferences (evening of March 16, morning of March 17).
- Several classes observed “100 day” (for 100 days of school) last week. Many of the primary classes infuse numeracy activities focusing on the number 100 throughout the day.
- February school newsletter was sent out via email at the beginning of the month and is posted to the school website. March's newsletter will be sent out shortly and will be posted to the website.

5. Vice Principal's Report

Upcoming Events and Dates for March:

- March 8: Divisional Celebration of the Arts Festival (at Happy Thought School) – Grade 4
- Recorder Club.
- March 9: Divisional Grade 5 (am) and 6 (pm) Basketball club tournament (St Andrews School)
 - Is there interest in PAC running a canteen?
- March 13: Report cards go home electronically by email.
- March 16 (evening) and 17 (morning): Parent teacher conferences- Using “School Interviews” program for bookings this term.
- March 20-24: Spirt Week
 - Monday- Wacky Day
 - Tuesday- Beach Day
 - Wednesday- Rainbow Day
 - Thursday- Sports Day
 - Friday- Pajama Day
- March 27- 31: Spring Break- (School resumes Monday April 3, Day 6)
- April is Wellness Month
- *We will look into the possibility of running a canteen during the basketball tournament and will see if we would have enough volunteers to help out.*

6. Hot Lunches

- Next lunch is tomorrow (Pita Pit Feb 28). Then Pizza March 9; Perogies March 22.
- **Pancakes May 2:** We decided to cancel this lunch and replace it with Pizza. We need to communicate with families. Drafting communication.
- **Freezie Day:** Instead of refunding anyone for pancakes, we will do a Freezie Day in June for all the kids, for free. (staff too?)
 - Sherry talked to Donna about logistics. In May, once field trips have been scheduled, we will pick a day and hand freezies to the kids as they come outside for recess.
 - *Admin suggested that it would be better to hand out the freezies as students come IN for recess instead of going out.*
 - We can keep them in the basement freezer before this.
 - Buy the medium freezies from Dollarama (not the Jumbo ones)
 - Volunteers will be needed to hand out and cut freezies

7. Fundraising

- **Movie Night – February?**
 - Unfortunately the school is unavailable on Friday nights until after the May long weekend.
 - Should we look for a different venue? Or shelf this plan for now?
 - Do outdoors in May or June? Or hold until Sept or Oct? Or maybe we could hold it at the Community Club? Would need to talk to them.
 - Paula J. is leading this; we will talk with her about it when she returns from vacation.

- **Spring Fundraiser:**
 - We have decided the timeline for doing the sausage and perogy fundraiser is too tight.
 - We will brainstorm a new fundraiser.
 - Could we do Three 6 Tea before Mother's Day? Bailee will look into it
 - Or do Gramma's Kettle Korn earlier? April/May?
- **Music equipment:** Mrs. Sowany checked with Ms. Kroeker and received this info:
 - Music has 9 guitars. They would like 24 (for a whole class set)
 - They may have even more now. They possibly only need about 12 more.
 - Price is approx \$150 per guitar, from Long & McQuade
 - Do we want to buy any guitars? All of them? (12 guitars would be about \$2,000)
 - We decided we will talk to Mrs. Kroeker about how many they need and then decide how many we would like to fund. Sherry to contact her.

8. Library decal

- Paula J. looked into having a mural painted by Rachel Lancaster. She would need to see the space for a more accurate quote but said it would likely cost \$3,500 - \$6,000. This is out of our budget.
- Are there any artists in our school community who could do this?
- What about students? Too high up.... But could we get them a large wooden canvas or something that could then be attached to the wall?
- Bailee to look into local muralists.

9. Book Fair

- The school will be responsible for organizing the March book fair and earning funds from it. Kathy Cassidy (Librarian) will run it
- However as usual they have asked PAC to provide volunteers to help with setting up, selling, takedown etc. 9cvb
- Watch for volunteer email. Crystal will help coordinate.
- We will also help the school advertise the Book Fair on facebook.

10. Financial Report

1. Treasurer is not in attendance (away sick). Financial report to be delivered at next meeting.

11. New Business

- Insufficient funds from teacher who deposited her \$100 cheque and it bounced. She was charged \$7.50.
- Give her cash for now for the \$7.50 and she will be reimbursed.
- Lindsay (VP) to send Sherry a screenshot of the NSF info from the cheque. Sherry will contact the bank to look into what happened. Suspected computer glitch.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2022