

Dr. M.S. Hawkins School Council Monthly Meeting

Thursday March 21, 2024

6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Laura Smith, Lisa Lundeborg, Carin Avery, Sarah Turck, Jacquie Aldred, Sascha Ellassal (Principal), Emily Fairservice (teacher representative)

Guest: Jemma Racine (Ganaraska Public School representative)

Absent: Rachel VanDorp, Leslie Mountjoy

Meeting commenced: 6:05 p.m.

1. **Welcome & Approval**

Call to order at **6:05**

2. **Tech Initiative**

Jemma Last year there was a parent event plus presentations to students; one speaker this year who speaks at schools across Canada, Paul Davis. Will talk to students during the day and parent event in the evening. Event will be held Monday June 10, 2024 - Grade 6, 7 & 8 at 1:00 p.m.; Grade 4 & 5 at 2:15 p.m. at Ganaraska; Parent workshop at 6:30 p.m. at PHHS. Free pizza dinner but will need to get registration numbers

3. **Principal's report**

- Staffing process has begun; earlier this year than usual – projected numbers for staffing required
- Grade 8 Grad trip; room allocations; no parents required as enough staff attending; final amounts owing coming out soon
- EQAO scheduled currently scheduled for June 3rd-6th but may need to be adjusted due to junior sporting events; School Council can help out with purchasing/shopping snacks for the students – Laura noted she can help

4. **Teacher's report**

- Badminton tryouts underway; tournament April 5 and KPREAA on May 1; Basketball starting soon
- Leadership Committee did a spirit week and provided gift cards to some winners
- Dungeons & Dragons club remains popular; Reading clubs in the library
- French classes participating in a free music competition
- TakeTech challenge in May
- School Council approved to purchase 15 jerseys for sporting events from our funds raised this year (approx. \$22 each for 15 jerseys = \$330)

5. **Treasurer's report & Healthy Hunger update**

- **Current balance is \$4,500;** last month balance was \$4,187.32
- Previous hot dog day raised \$143.85; profit on Pizza day \$180 for a total profit of \$320.85
- HealthyHunger update: Barburrito -\$43 Subway -\$117
- BoosterJuice – offered three days; already have a lot of orders with more coming
- April 5 is the next hot dog date in conjunction with a BoosterJuice day; Laura and Leslie helping

6. New Business/Fundraising

Fundraising focus 2023/2024: Library restock as the library is very short on books.

- *School Council Fundraisers (3):*
 1. *Big Box Card fundraiser – 28 boxes sold to date; goes until April 2; \$11 per box sold is our profit*
 2. *Mother's Day theme vendor event (Sat Apr 27) – cancelled due to low vendor sign up*
 3. *TBD*

Note: DFS fundraiser planned for October needs to be arranged with DFS by June

7. Grade 8 Graduation

- Grad committee to be organized; theme
- Graduation Monday June 24 with Canadas Wonderland trip Tuesday June 25

ACTIONS:

1. **Sascha** to look into using Schoolcashonline or Googleforms to register for Paul Davis' presentation
2. **Jemma** to confirm numbers to fit in Ganaraska gym or if it should be held at PHHS; ask if Paul can come and speak to the teachers of Hawkins following the 2:15 pm presentation and get approximate overall costs
3. **Sascha** to create a Save the Date for the Paul Davis presentation
4. **Sascha** to proceed with purchasing jerseys
5. **Sascha** to ask how the Spiritwear orders are; funds raised to see how it's doing
6. **Sascha** to promote Big Box Card Fundraiser
7. **Sascha** to put a call out to parents who might want to help with Grade 8 Grad planning as well as a Grade 8 teacher
8. **Laura** to reach out to organize DFS for wrapping paper fundraiser for fall
9. **Lisa** to look into Swiss Chalet for hot lunch

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. virtually