

Agenda

1. Welcome and Attendance

Karyn Jacobsen-Hughes
Julia MacEwen
Steven Mariasine
Kirsten Jacobsen-Hughes
Delin Hayton
Angelina Nikkel
Janice Ballinger
Kim Seymour
Barb Brunzell
Wendy Firth
Robert Crampton
David O'Neill
Amie Scharfe
Sarah Steeves
Mark Diamond
Pete Veurtjes
Denise St.Jules
Martin Neives

2. Review and approval of minutes

Minutes approved with revisions.

3. Treasurer's Report – Steven Mariasine

See attached.

4. Results of Fundraising and Wishlist discussion

See attached.

5. Schools Photos – Presentation from Lifetouch

Lifetouch has been in Ottawa for 20 years. Lifetouch has a partnership with Canadian Centre for Child Protection. Packages include two "photos to protect", which could be used in the case of an emergency through Lifetouch's 24hr phone line. Online orders allow you to customize your package with various backgrounds. There is single price packaging at \$11/sheet. The most expensive package is \$50. My Family Rewards is a program (for online orders) under which you earn points through your pictures, including a free digital picture by registering. With the points you can earn a coupon that can be used towards other pictures. There is also a teacher package, complimentary class photo, and a 10% commission to the school.

The school is also considering hosting a family photo night in the Spring. Another possibility is to do sibling photos on retake day. All photographers are trained for a week at Lifetouch, as well as in how to engage the kids. There is a no touch policy, which would prevent the photographer from doing things like "fixing hair", but parents are

welcome to come and assist on photo day with those kinds of things. There was a question about how the company deals with kids who are missing on class photo day. Lifetouch can offer a class composite, made of the individual pictures, which could be used instead of the class photo. The school would have to decide which class photo format to adopt.

Green Apple is another company that was proposed by a parent. Admin has contacted them. They had mailed in a brochure. Green Apple is slightly more expensive, but there is a higher commission to the school.

6. Fundraising

a. Updates from Pizza – Julia

Pizza orders in session 2 are about the same as session 1. Estimated profit from pizza sales is around \$18,500 for the year. We are dealing with a new person at Toppers, so there have been a few growing pains.

b. Cookbook – Carole & Elvan

First communication for the cook book has gone out to parents. **Action:** Admin to send out follow-up notice about the cookbook. Hard to estimate but currently looking at \$5-7 per book. The organizers are currently looking into what to ask for advertising space. Future Admin communication to include details on how kids can submit pictures.

7. Fun Fair Discussion

a. Looking for a lead(s) and volunteers

June 7th tentative day because the school is already booked, and the 8th is a PD day.

Liz will help with contacts.

Robert will help with coordinating food trucks.

Angelina

Kristen

Chandonette

Martin

Sarah

Carole

Julia

Jen L

Karyn

Kirsten

b. Ideas for activities

BBQ

Food trucks – some want a guarantee of number of orders.

Touch a truck

Face paint

Circus delights – we previously used them for bouncy castles – they are board approved and provide staff.

Consideration of bouncy castles and other large inflatables.

Fair games
Music
Ribbons

- c. Fanatics in training update – Steve

Still working on securing the players in May or June. Still looking at having them come in during the day.

8. Staff Appreciation Lunch

- a. Request for meal donations

Next Friday (Feb 16th) is staff appreciation day. Still looking for main dishes and side dishes. Several council members volunteered.

9. Principal's Report – Pete & Denise

- a. Action items – raise awareness with teachers regarding in-need families and Council's programs to aid them, mural email, quote for panel, info on security and privacy relating to Cash on line database, EQAO taskforce added to newsletter

Mural – last Admin heard, the board typically purchases panels rather than painting murals. Quote can be provided based on the size of the mural. **Action** – Admin to provide response on painting mural.

- b. Other Updates

Admin thanked the council for their work in fundraising and meeting the wish list items for the school.

School learning plan – moratorium. There is a major occasional teacher shortage. As a result, all professional development has been put on hold, including the school learning plan. This is a province wide issue. As the year progresses, the pool of occasional teachers gets lower and lower, because occasional teachers get pulled into longer term assignments. In some cases, even a parent may be brought in (criminal record check, known to the school, etc). Admin has been involved in conducting interviews to try to bring in new occasional teachers or EAs.

Kinder information evening was well attended. Registrations are up from this time last year.

Team jerseys have arrived. Reversible green and white.

School cash online. Several questions were raised last time about safety. More information available at <https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>.

Further discussion about school photos. General support for Lifetouch from the council. Motion to endorse passed.

District Needs Analysis. Has been completed and Admin will be reviewing the analysis.

Considering offering a milk program next year. Would be run as a fundraiser for the school and use student leaders to distribute the milk. The council has run a milk program in the past that wasn't too successful. Further discussion at a future meeting.

During education week, Admin will run a scholastic book fair this year.

10. OCASC Report – Liz Conabree

No update.

11. Other Items

- a. Hot dog machine – Liz Conabree

Mary Honeywell will be hosting a triple ball (like volleyball) tournament for Grades 4 and 5. Nine to ten schools will attend. Canteen will be run with assistance from student leaders. Looking to borrow the hot dog machine. Council approves.

- b. Messy Art Night Acrylic – Kristen and Angelina

March 23rd.