

# Stewart Avenue - School Council

*Agenda - September 25, 2024*

Location: Library & Online    Time: 6:30 pm start

Attendance: Carol Coyle, Anne MacInnes, Heather Ashworth, Holly McNeill, Harpreet Singh, Lara Green, Maria Mascarin, Taylor Flietstra, Christina White, Tanya Bromley, Ali Lane, Caleigh Farquhar, Mohamed Ahmed, Joanne Lynch, Cuyler Morra

Item	Person Presenting	Time Allocated	Notes
1. Welcome and introduction	Carol	5 min	
2. Discussion of committee member positions	Carol	10 min	-Established positions and what being a voting member means
3. Election of committee members	Carol	5 min	Co Chairs - Christina White and Lara Green Secretary and Treasurer - School Administration Caleigh Farquhar will be learning Treasurer position
4. Principal's report	Carol	5 min	See notes below Freezie Day was a success. Question regarding why Kindergarten was not involved and it was explained that routines are not set up yet in the classroom to then add an event like Freezies. Question about Terry Fox Run and promoting the cause a bit more to our school community.
5. Treasurer report	Carol	15 min	When carryover happens, we should have approximately \$10,000 in School Council Funds  Last year we made approximately \$12,000 in pizza funds (from weekly pizza and pizza sold on the movie night)
6. Request for funds:  - \$1000.00 for Grade 8 celebration - \$4000 for Nutrition for Learning (or \$2000 this term, \$2000 next term) - Flexible seating 4A - \$500 - Buses for Art trip - Grades 7 & 8 - \$3248.68 - Outdoor recess equipment updates -	Carol	15 min	-Hold off on Grade 8 Celebration until later in the year - approved  -Discussion about the big reduction in Nutrition for Learning funding. Idea to create a subcommittee for fundraising and commit to providing \$2000 for the cause right now and then have additional fundraisers for that cause - voted \$2000 and then vote again on \$2000 in January or before if needed  --Question re: the flexible seating for 4A

<p>Pr/Jr./Int. - \$2000</p> <p>Total = \$10,748.68</p> <p>Continue keeping?: \$500 for mascot upkeep \$500 for grounds upkeep</p> <p><b>We have heard from staff that most requests will be for transportation for field trips.</b></p>			<p>just being to go to that classroom. Pause voting on 4A Flexible seating and come back to it at a future meeting</p> <p>-Art trip question - how much would it cost to students if Council gave this amount - Voted for \$2250 towards trip</p> <p>-Recess equipment - voted for \$1000 and then starting a donation drive for equipment</p> <p>-Also discussion about donations for indoor recess bins ( puzzles, card games, board games, chess, checkers, lego etc )</p> <p>-Revisit mascot and grounds upkeep at a later date</p>
<p>7. Pizza day and other fundraising discussions</p>	<p>Whole committee</p>	<p>20 min</p>	<p><b>Info from Christina White:</b> 241 pizza (Meyers Road location)</p> <p>They mentioned that the school pizza program is as follows:</p> <p>Large pizzas available at 14 inches 10 slices per pie. Cheese is \$10, Pepperoni \$10.50 and Veggie at \$11.50.</p> <p>If we want to add a dairy free option or a gluten free option we can, but it's not part of the program and would be regular menu price.</p> <p>Example, Dairy free cheese- Small (6 slices) \$10-12 Gluten free Cauliflower Crust - Small (6 Slices) \$15-18</p> <p>We can order week to week, month to month, it doesn't matter, no contract needed with them.</p> <p><b>Last Year's Pizza site: Twice the Deal</b></p> <p>Extra large pizza - into 10 slices per pie Last year we had cheese or pepperoni, which was approx. \$14.00 per pizza Gluten free - must order a medium size, 6 slices per pizza, \$16.99 (only size available)</p>

			<p>-need additional bags - voted and agreed to purchased 4 bags for this years</p> <p>-going to move forward with using Twice the Deal for the first bit. Christina will look at getting pizza alternatives from 241</p> <p>-Looking for pizza volunteers to come and help</p> <p>- look to start October 18th</p>
8. Any additional items/questions	Whole committee	10 min	<p>-idea to have Booster Juice fundraiser - Ordering online through their own website</p> <p>- students had a specific options and teacher options were more fulsome</p> <p>-Booster Juice organizes everything on their end - offers appropriate sizing</p> <p>- made about \$0.50 an order</p> <p>-option to do a cash order as well - Laura Cook is going to volunteer to lead Booster Juice - last Wednesday of the month - funds to go to Nutrition for Learning</p> <p>-idea of hosting a chocolate fundraiser - Looking at using World's Finest - makes \$2.80 of profit - also offer Laura Secord bars with profit of \$2.14 a bar. Carol is going to look at reaching out to see if a representative can come out soon.</p> <p>-Subcommittee for fundraising - to have a separate group with a fundraising focus</p> <p>-Whats App Chat for the Council - reach out to a member to get added</p> <p>-Next meeting is October 16th - and we will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month - will skip December and June</p>

**Principal's Notes - Sept. 25, 2024**

- School start up - Start up this year was the same type of start up as last year, with a PD day on the first day (Tuesday) and students returning to school on the Wednesday
- PD Days - For each PD day this year, we will be posting information on School Day to let families know what learning our staff is working on on each of these days
  - For the Sept. 3rd PD day - we had mandatory health and safety training
  - Our next PD Day is on Oct. 11

- This school year - we have 23 homerooms from K to 8, including 2 congregated (or specialized classrooms). We have approximately 520 students this year, a bit of a decrease from previous years.
- Many new staff have joined us, including 3 new EAs (Ms. Danta Alonso, Ms. Gilpin, Ms. Patel), and 8 new teachers (Ms. Florence - K3, Ms. DeMelo - 1/2A, Ms. Vollmann - 3B, Mr. Leung - 8-1, Mr. Garland - 8-2, Mr. Smith - primary music, Ms. Mulcahy - SERT, Mr. Bauman - SERT).
- Emergency drills - we've completed 1 of our 3 mandatory fall fire drills this week, as well as our 1 fall lockdown drill. Over the next 2 weeks, we will finish completing our 2 other fall fire drills. In the winter we will complete our 2nd lockdown drill. And in the spring we will have our tornado drill, and the 3 final fire drills.
- Picture day - this year we used the same photography company as last year, Pegasus. The picture proofs will be delivered to the school soon and will be sent home to families as soon as possible.
- Many clubs and activities are just getting started and we will be looking ahead to starting cookie and popcorn days soon as they were quite popular last year and students have been asking for them again.
- Terry Fox run will be Friday, September 27