

Home and School Meeting Meeting
September 18, 2024

Present:

Ryan

Angela

Rachel Waugh (Co-President)

Julie Baldwin

Tara Hughes (Treasurer) \$785 in the bank.

Becky Kelly

Emily Savoie

Marissa McNeill

Megan Drummond (Co-President)

Nick McCardle

Debbie Mackay

Elise MacKay

Nichole Doucette

Patricia McKenna

1. Call for interest about Treasurer job next year as Tara is in her last year.
2. Representative from the Provincial Department of Education Office was unable to join us. Will follow up and hope to have them attend an upcoming meeting.
3. Fundraising
 - Sandbox
 - a. Hoping to build a sandbox between portable and outdoor classroom, climbing structure. Kids going to jumping pit right now. Have a quote from William Duffy. \$2800
 - b. Jessica and Duane from Callbecks have offered some help on costs.
 - c. Question about cover. Not in other schools, ideally one but no guarantee.
 - Scoreboard
 - a. \$5000 for a good sized scoreboard
 - b. Has disappeared since Katie came back.
 - c. Needed for basketball and volleyball.
 - Additional Funds
 - a. If there are additional funds available in the H&S account, they can help with field trips and transportation.
4. Update on the Mobile
 - a. Angela had tour today.
 - b. Few things left to arrive and get done including a new electrical panel.
 - c. Final Inspection is scheduled for Oct. 1.
 - d. Hoping for kids to get into portable on October 4.
5. Review of Kinkora Consolidated
 - a. Dale Sabean was here and recognized that our school was overcrowded.

6. Island Trails Grant
 - a. \$500 to bring students to Island Trails for experience.
 - b. Rachel submitted on our behalf.
 - c. No date planned but the process has started.
7. Breakfast Program
 - a. Megan spoke about updating the breakfast program.
 - b. If we want to enhance it, there is some money available.
 - c. Could rotate options for kids.
 - d. Recognize Colleen and her hard work for this.
 - e. Yogurt and blueberries were here, can be done again.
 - f. Enough cutlery to get things done.
 - g. Maybe adjust the volunteer schedule.
 - h. Apples and Banana
 - i. Megan and Rachel will work that.
8. PSB Mobile Device Feedback
 - a. Not much issue here at Somerset
 - b. Ear buds were a bigger concern but its not something that we expect now.
 - c. The DRAFT procedures can be viewed on the PSB website at:
 - d. <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student-resources/mobile-device-use>.
 - e. The Public Schools Branch welcomes your feedback to psb-input@edu.pe.ca by **Friday, October 11, 2024**, using "Mobile Device Procedure" in the subject line. Please circulate this information on your social media platforms.
 - f.
9. Patricia - Flower Beds
 - a. Patricia presented concerns.
 - b. Angela replied. Safety was a concern.
 - c. Colton has done the work.
10. Emily - Question - Has PSB mentioned ventilation in schools, HVAC system?

No, but it is on the list for PEI H&S Federation.
11. Emily - Question - OT - When can students access OT information?

They are in, starting, we're compiling the list?
12. Emily - Question - Laptops and Chromebooks
We have a bunch and refresh is coming.
13. Emily - Question - Sound systems.
We have some, not in every room. Front rows are expensive.
14. Emily - Question - Field Trips - Are they booked a year in advance?
Not booked a year in advance. We react. Some similar ideas but nothing is guaranteed year-to-year.
15. Emily - Question - Will parents be given more notice for IEP Meetings and how are meetings arranged?
 - Arranged through resource teacher.
 - Has to meet with Board as well.
 - Calendar games, paper work - work to accommodate.

16. Emily - Question - How are bullying issues presented to the school?
 - Report It! is available through the PSB.
17. Emily - Question - How would you define bullying at the school?
 - Broad definition.
 - Varies in our school, nothing over the top violent, age gap.
 - Very dependent on the situation
 - Investigation, finding out what happened, sharing with stakeholders.
 - Bullying is recurring. Board can be informed through behavioural paperwork and the counselling team at the PSB.
18. Emily - Question - Bus instances going to the Board. One time one was sent.
 - We have terrific bus drivers.
 - Constant conversations with our bus drivers.
 - Parents are involved in conversations yet.
 - Some buses have EAs and cameras, we are not there.
 - Megan - H&S is looking into how bus drivers can be supported.
19. Elise - Parking is a challenge and dangerous
 - Hopefully the construction ending will help alleviate the parking issues.
 - More issues in the morning than the afternoon.
20. Terry Fox on Friday October 11, 2024.
21. Fundraising
 - a. Halloween Dance - October 24, 2024
 - i. Two dances - Early and Later
 - ii. Keep volume under control, sensory room option.
 - b. Mill River - \$600 Gift Card, \$5 or 3 for \$10.
 - i. Need license
 - ii. Have some logistics to figure out. Rachel is on this
 - c. Anne Chocolates
 - i. Easy money.
 - ii. Not a lot of work to it.
 - iii. Timing with other fundraising initiatives in the community so maybe we look into Easter?
 - d. Ice Cream in the school.
 - i. Some easy money.
 - e. Community Flea Market and Book Fair
 - i. Can open it up in the spring, charge an admission fee.
22. Theme weeks - Can we suggest to the leadership group that we make things easy and bring stuff that we already have at home.
23. Mabel's Labels is done October 1. We have earned \$100 so that pays for fees to Provincial Home and School.

Next Meeting is October 28, 2024

