

Fairfield Elementary Parent Council Meeting

November 8, 2023

Attendance: Sasha Stewart, Jenna Moore, Alanna Murphy, Shalise Stevenson, Kristi Sadowski, Dawn Carson, Rebecca Simkins, Alison Doherty, Martha Duncan, Erika McConnell

Call to order at 6:01pm

Minutes from Previous Meeting

First by Jenna, Second by Shalise

Principal's Report

- Reviewed EQAO Results
 - 53% of grades 3's at grade level – math
 - 68% of grade 3's at grade level – reading
 - 47% of grade 3's at grade level – writing
 - School Board Results (grade 3)
 - 43% math
 - 59% reading
 - 47% writing
 - 33% of grade 6's at grade level – math
 - 77% of grade 6's at grade level – reading
 - 67% of grade 6's at grade level – writing
 - School board Results (grade 6)
 - 37% math
 - 77% reading
 - 75% writing
 - We comparable to Amherstview Public
 - Staff Plan
 - Reading
 - Keep focusing on reading – 30 minutes per day of the week is targeted fluency, morphology and UFLI
 - Writing
 - Working on proper sentences in all grades
 - Using exemplars to show students where they need to be - PA day focus
 - Literacy Coach – grades K-2
 - Math
 - Two thirds of the PA day on Friday is math learning
 - Math coaches in grade 3 & 6 classrooms
 - Looking at key resources to structure out math block
 - Dawn and Martha have met with math consultant – she will be attending our PA day
 - Overall goals
 - Students are setting their own goals and tracking themselves as they strive to meet them. Clap throughs for students who reach their goal.

Vice Principal's Report

- Report cards go home on November 17th
- Remembrance day assembly at 1045 tomorrow
 - Glee club will be singing

Teacher's Report

- Dance was a hit as always
- Volleyball has started – girls had their first game tonight
- Socktober just wrapped up; received over 800 pairs of socks
- Started doing clap throughs for various things – kindergartens who haven't missed a day, jr's that haven't missed a day, etc

Financial Report

- Made \$355 on the wreathes and planters
 - We sold \$1775 worth of wreathes and planters
 - We sold ours at the cheapest in the area, other schools & groups were priced at \$35-\$40
- \$14,286.05 in the account
 - This amount is after the deduction to CC Farms for the planters/wreathes
- Jenna to discuss with Jessica to move the basketball money to a separate account

Tables & Chairs for Makers Space

- Martha shared pricing for tables & stools – pricing was very expensive
- She also looked at other options – however, the school can only buy from certain suppliers and individuals can't buy them and donate them
- Martha is going to take this back to the teachers to see what they want to do; if they still want the tables, we'll have to look at buying 1 per year
- We'll table this for now

Thrift Sale Update

- 220 Shoppers, 57 vendors
- \$16,660 worth of products sold
- Profit will be approximately \$2,362 (custodian fee not subtracted yet)
- Spring sale April 27, 2024
- Lots of good feedback

Christmas Craft Sale

- Custodian fee is \$466 – already covered by vendor fees
- Insurance - \$10 per vendor, \$25 if they are selling food (approximately \$600) – already covered by vendor fees
- 61 Vendors
- Door money that comes in goes directly to parent council
- Rebecca bought some radio time on 96.3 Big FM
- There is an indoor snow globe for backgrounds for family photos (no cost for photos)

- Face painting - \$5
- 500 people in the past
- Volunteers are still required to set up tables – vendors coming between 4-6 on Friday
 - 7 & 8's will set up tables at the last block on the Friday
 - Someone needs to be at the door to collect \$2 fee (kids are free)
 - Ali Doherty and Addy Stevenson will do this

Hot Dogs

- Tanya & Kristi can do December 1
- Lots of wieners leftover from previous hot dog days
- Kristi needs numbers by November 27 to order buns, deadline is November 24
- Martha to have Jessica to run the orders November 20 – 24

Pancakes

- Welcome back breakfast January 9
- Lots of pancakes leftover last time, we will let the older kids have 3 instead of two
- We will cook them at home again this time

Honey Fundraiser

- Orders have to be in by November 30th, so it will close on November 29th
- Orders will be delivered on December 20th
- 20% profit on all orders
- Martha will have Jessica add this to school day
- Shalise to call Jessica to discuss

Dominos

- Reminder – November 29

Christmas Gifts From Me

- Martha said no

Holiday Concert

- To be discussed on the PA Day

Math Night

- To be discussed on the PA Day
- We can use grant money towards this

Brave Education

- She can come and talk to the classes in the classrooms (she came last year and did a presentation on bullying)
- We can use grant money for this as well

Year End Event

- We would like to do this again – to be discussed at a later date

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- December 13
- January 17
- February 21
- April 10
- May 15
- June - tentative

Next Meeting: December 13 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm