

Caradoc North School Council Meeting Minutes-Draft January 27, 2022

In attendance: Cathy H, Charlene H, Heather H, Iva M, Jessica B, Kelly H, Lisa H, Lisa T, Liz G, Melysa B, Meredith C, Robin D, Tina P, Sam M, Stephanie G

Call to Order-Sam Melnick

Motion to approve October 2021 Meeting Minutes-Tina and Charlene

Motion to approve January 2022 Agenda -Tina

Opening Greetings-Iva Melick

Thank you to everyone for helping with the pizza fundraiser and craft and cookie day. The kids really enjoyed craft and cookie day and the fundraiser went very well.

Budget Report-Tina Parish

December budget- 400 dollars for pizza fundraiser earned. Expense for craft and cookie day was covered by the pizza fundraiser (See budget)

Motion to approve January's budget-Heather, Sam

Principal's Report-Cathy Helwig

1. Lunch Box-Hoped to start in January but due to school closures was unable and have not yet been approved to resume. Cathy talked to someone from lunch box program and discussed going with Dominos for Tuesday and Thursdays. Each piece of pizza sold would be \$1.00 in fundraising for the school. **Option to look at individual pizzas ¼ medium pizza-\$4.57, large 8 slices \$2.84/slice , 10 slices \$2.48/slice. Will make more money with large pizzas.** There is no work for council other than handing out pizza (volunteers must be vaccinated). All done on cash online set up by Chelsea. Uncertainty about returning in person and we should hold off. Iva thought we should go ahead with getting approval to start the program moving forward. Jessica B has indicated that she can take care of handing out the pizza/managing it. Pizza will be delivered just need people to hand out the pizza. Give a couple of weeks' notice before we want to start. Just need clearance from the Board. Motion to approve hot lunch-Tina P.

Milk program through lunch box. Need student volunteers for it so we can't do this currently because need kids to get the tickets and hand out the milk. Would need a staff member everyday instead to do it and this is not feasible at this time. We do need a fridge and stove in the kitchen (not breakfast program). We can likely get a fridge once Cathy updates the PA system, fire system, alarms, power (all done first before addressing kitchen), updating electrical, don't have enough power coming to the school to run the stove in the kitchen. Have lost two fridges in past since Cathy has been principal due to power issues/can't manage power to cook/bake sufficiently.

2. Request for funding for art supplies (not approved during last meeting) and Gaga ball pit

Focus on funding has been to get the gaga ball pits \$3680 dollars estimate (cost for council) for both pits (need final amount from Chelsea). The kids are really enjoying the pits especially in the winter when the kids can't use all the equipment. Cost/payment of Gaga ball pit not yet reflected on current budget.

Outdoor equipment-Would need to start a separate grant and can't use anything we have fundraised, may need a significant amount to fund for replacing outdoor equipment.

Motion to pay for gaga ball pit-Charlene H, Tina

Motion to pay for art supplies-Sam, Robin, Heather, Iva (see below)

Break down of Supplementary art supplies requested \$1500

- oil pastels and Charcoal pencils - \$100
- Paint tempera (cakes)-\$560
- Paint tempera (liquid) - \$170
- Glitter - \$110
- Paper (drawing) - \$110
- Modelling clay - \$72
- Brushes, crayons, watercolours - \$395

3) School Photos re-scheduled (cancelled due to lockdown in January)

Re-scheduled for March 11, 2022 (last day before March break). A date in May was also offered. There will likely be a photo retake day.

3. Emailing School Council Members

Cathy had a confidentially discussion with superintendent and indicated that staff BCC each other. Caution was that someone could print the list off and have all personal emails if got a copy of email could send out to whomever. Some council members attempted to use group link instead but it was not successful. Discussion had if council is okay if we continue to use individual contacts when send out council information to each other via email. Could we make a note in the binder that it is added to our manual that all volunteers are okay with this. Outlook is working well but if have another provider like gmail may not be as effective.

4. Absences- teacher absences/shortages, 40 away today in total. When a school reaches 30 percent of student and teacher absences have to close or discuss if still able to stay open. New rule about bus cancellation and school shortages. If buses are cancelled due to weather etc the school will be closed to in person learning, there will be asynchronous learning available online. Encouragement that teachers could do online learning but not required. We currently don't have any technology available (only three chrome books returned so far after lock down in January)

School Council Business

-Student of the Month update-Having a theme every month, February character trait is caring, December was sharing, and November was empathy. Helping to recognize more students not just one or two at a time. Everyone is involved at the school and giving out character traits (i.e. giving to friends at recess, provided by custodial staff). Thank you to Ms. Reece for organizing/running

-Washrooms update-Unfortunately they don't replace unless totally broken, the sinks will eventually be replaced but no focus on construction in the bathroom. As noted above, focussing on electric and power. Cathy does recognize that dryers and sinks do not work well. There is no money in projects currently.

-Fundraising-acknowledge that we can't do a lot of fundraising right now, need to pause but we might be able to do the pizza fundraiser again in the spring as this was successful. Note for ongoing fundraising, we need to be specific what we are fundraising for when advertising. The chicken fundraiser is a possibility in the spring. All goes through school cash online and just need people to hand out chicken. Mr. C's class will not likely be doing this fundraiser to go towards class trips so council may be able to run this fundraiser. Is popular and can generate funds.

Next Meeting-Next meeting-March 31, 2022

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Tina