

**Perth Road Public School
Parent Council Meeting**

October 15th, 2018

In Attendance: *Marie-Helene Pepin, *Heather McLurg-Murphy, Allison Croth, Brendon Robb, *Krista Clarke, *Julie Lawrence, *Robyn Gordon, *Kaitlyn Hatcher, *Ashley Young, *Kellie Smith-Melanson, *Jenn Ormsbee, *Melanie Carrier, *Natasha Vankougnett, *Curtis Andre, *Jenn Ormsbee

Regrets: *Angela Rankie, Robyn Green,

- 1) Approval of Agenda and previous minutes: Marie, Ashley
- 2) Declaration of conflict of interest: None
- 3) **AGM:** New members welcomed and forms completed. Role of council discussed, nominations for council completed and voted on

2018-2019 Perth Road Public School Parent Council

Co-Chair: Curtis Andre

Co-Chair: Melanie Carrier

Treasurer: Marie-Helene Pepin

Secretary: Melanie Carrier

Community Rep: Julie Dier

- 4) Principals report – attached

Allison would like a committee of council members to review the revised code of conduct, please email Allison if interested.

Construction update: Consistent rain has delayed paving, hoping to have paved prior to cold weather

Playground Activity Leaders (PALS) program has been introduced; PAL students were trained last week, they have been teaching games to students this week, they will initiate games at recess times. This program will integrate playing with younger and older students, increase physical fitness, reduce bullying and distract students from the playground equipment removal during construction.

Student council and parent council to meet once established, lets combine committees in some manner to make our school councils more effective – discussion point

First engagement night - How to support Oral Language development, went well, had good turn out and great input from parents.

Next parent engagement – November 10th @ 6:30pm – Making sense of your child's IEP

Parents newsletter has survey about topics for future parent engagement nights – scheduled 2 for the fall and 3 for the winter/spring.

Open house is potentially happening mid November

- 5) Playground: School staff & council voted separately on favourite 2 playgrounds, both councils voted almost unanimously for #2 & #7

Allison will work with board & construction company - provide foot print of playgrounds, to establish potential locations sites. Currently the old beach volley ball court area is being thought of, tiger bush area has also been suggested

6) Budget: Voted to purchase additional insurance for all of our events, \$150 – Approved by Krista, Kim
Parent council currently gives \$10 per student to the class rooms discretionary fund, suggest we provide an additional \$5 per student for transportation coverage – vote at next meeting

7) Hot lunch: First month of operation shows roughly 1/2 the numbers of previous years order #'s. We are seeing a climb for the second month. Calendar has been set up for the entire year.
Reminders about new hot lunch program are going out with students, Allison is mentioning it in the newsletter.

We normally order extras for “angels”, estimate about 8 angels this year, these meals are provided to council at cost. Discussed new way to do this as orders now have options, create email address for each angel, Allison will contact angels and take orders.

Voted and accepted by: All

8) Christmas Baskets – Discussed providing gift cards for families instead of items.
This would allow them to buy what they require, would still provide a basket of non-perishables and a present. Provide Gift cards end of November roughly.

Give card options: No Frills, Costco, Cataraqui town center, gas card – Allison will provide options to families to give us direction on best option.

Roughly spent about \$2000 for 14 families last year.

Voted: All in favour

9) Woodworking or construction program – Mr. Robb presented the board suggested tool chest, fully loaded, power tools & required attachments and applicable consumables . Theses tools will encourage every day practical job skills. Currently offered to 7/8 students, could grow into other grades once up and going.

Other items that could support this tool chest: Extra scroll saw (est. \$150-200), Cordless Drill (est. \$130-150), Plywood sheets to clamp onto work surface, clamps

Teacher Wish list:

Tool Chest

Laminater – Bristol board size

Chrome Books - multiple teachers utilize, request additional 10, roughly \$300 each)

Electric Wall mounted pump – phys ed, blow up balls, wheel chair wheels, etc

Interactive smart board - large ticket, could wait

Acoustic barrier/curtains/folding wall, etc – big ticket item

Light table – Kindergartens

New Basket ball Jerseys – JR Girls, Roughly 30 students @ 18.50 each

Subsidizing trips

Rent Invista Center for school track and field meet in spring

PRPS school sign needs renovation, wood & metal

Light up sign needs a coat of paint

Next Meeting: November 12th @ 6:30pm

Tentative meeting schedule: December 3rd (potluck@6, Meeting@6:30), Jan 14th, Feb 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th

Budget Meeting: October 29th @ 6pm

Fundraising: Meeting following council meeting