

DPAC Monthly Meeting: November 5th, 2024

Chris Wright called the meeting to order at 6:51pm and read a territorial acknowledgement

October Minutes Approval:

Jodi and Warren approved the minutes from the October meeting

In attendance:

Stephanie Mills

Chris Wright

Warren Weicker

Sona Nichols

Olivia Furlong

Anthony Kennedy

Dan Perrakis

Laura Mercer

Brendan Berbenuik

Alanna Kellar

Evelyn Gregory

Jodi Green

Nic Green

Oona Jean

Staff: Ingrid Fawcett, Jen Cox

Old Business:

Halloween Howl:

- Was a great hit and well attended by Doncaster families. The DJ was great and the gym was well set up thanks to the parents. Budgeted \$600 (mostly for the DJ). We made back \$557.00.
- We would like to look at adding a “sensory friendly” time (younger children with the lights on) before the dance for next year

Fun Lunch:

- There were some kinks in the first Hot Lunch but we are hoping that things go well for the next hot lunch on November 20th
- This week’s lunch and west bay cafe are the next choices for November
- Orders will be cut off a week in advance and vendors have been confirmed with dates and times

Purdy’s Chocolates:

- We have made \$1100 so far. Monday 25th of November is the deadline to order. Dec 9/10 families will be able to pick up their orders
- Thank you to Jodi Green who will package and hand out the orders

Created by Kids:

- \$2800 was raised from this event. Thank you to Chris, Stephanie and Jodi for helping to organize and distribute the orders

Class Reps:

- Parents were sent a QR code to opt-in for class contact lists. Chris has received all the information and will be forwarding information to class reps or to potential class reps

New Business

PAC newsletter feasibility:

- Is this something we want to continue doing? Are parents wanting the email newsletter still? The majority would like to continue with it. Jen Grant will still put together the newsletter and the office staff will distribute.

Rent the Chick:

- Stephanie Mills and Rosanne Pratt have asked for \$600 in order to rent eggs and an incubator for chick hatching in April/May. All classes will have opportunities to visit the two classrooms to study and observe the chicks as they hatch and grow. Thank you to PAC for funding this opportunity.

Christmas Craft Fair:

- Over 100 tables have been sold
- Wi fi is needed for the vendors
- Donation letters need to be dropped at certain vendors. Hopefully some parents can help
- Volunteers are needed to help set up signs, posters put up, tables set up and the bake sale. Information will be sent out to parents soon asking for their help

Casino night:

- Happening this Saturday at the Odd Fellows. Everything is set up and confirmed
- Sales are a little weaker than expected. About 60% of the tickets have been sold and we would like to have another email sent out to families. Thank you to Nic and Jodi for organizing this event.
- Cut off sales will be on Friday November 8th

Naturescape Committee:

- As the PAC has a good amount of money fundraised, the decision has been made to add on to the Primary Playground (near the garden). We are going to add a Naturescape area with logs and beams. Chris Wright will present an estimated cost at the next PAC meeting

Budget Presentation:

- We are sitting with a healthy budget at the moment and would like to look at building the naturescape playground as the next big Doncaster project.

Principal/Vice-Principal Reports

- Signage with the new logo: we have that ready to go. We will not be charged and they will be doing it under maintenance costs
- The reminder has been sent to facilities to have the O Canada lyrics changed
- Would like to put bike racks under cover at the front of the school
- FSA's with the Grade 4s were completed

- Friday is the Remembrance Day assembly

PAC meeting ended at 8:00pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 at 6:45pm in the library