
Smith School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
Smith School Library

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

5:16pm

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

Jenn F, Virginia, Damon, Larissa, Joral, Brenda, Edith, Susie, Gracie, Amber M, Amber H.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Members may request items to be added to the agenda at this time)

4.0 REPORTS

6.1 Trustees Report- Brenda Fulmore

6.2 Principals Report (see attached)

6.3 Budget- Nothing reported. Virginia stated not the place to report on.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Parent Council Guidelines and Conduct at Meetings

5.1.1 Must be respectful of everyone in the room

5.1.2 Place to bring concerns, and suggestions

5.2 Gaga Ball Pit- need paint. Want to finish the project this fall.

Paint is being donated by Jenn Fraser.

The school will purchase the hardware needed for the pit.

Vanderwells donated the boards. They are at the school already.

Once we get paint, we will schedule a painting date.

5.3 Council of School Councils

Coming up on Oct 8, 2024 **Oct 7, 2024 5:30 PM**

Damon will be attending

5.4 Playground

Parts of the playground are broken, and wreaked

Not enough to keep all kids occupied.

Sandpit of cement pad possible additions.

The Parent Council would like to look at fundraising and applying for grants to add to the playground.

Damon is going to look for playground catalogs and bring them to the next meeting.

Jenn will look for MD Grants. Miss Hensch will get Miss Weber to email Jenn.

6.0 Executive Election

6.1 President

Motion to open nominations for President made by Joral Wayne. Seconded by Amber McConaghy.

For: 10 Against: 0

Nominations for President: Jennifer Fraser

Motion to close nominations by Larissa Serson, seconded by Joral Wayne.

For: 10 Against: 0

Jennifer Fraser is elected President.

6.2 Vice President

Motion to open nominations for Vice President made by Joral Wayne. Seconded by Larissa Serson.

For: 10 Against: 0

Nominations for Vice President: Damon Ramer

Motion to close nominations by Joral Wayne, seconded by Larissa Serson.

For: 10 Against: 0

Damon Ramer is elected Vice President.

6.3 Secretary

Motion to open nominations for Secretary made by Joral Wayne. Seconded by Larissa Serson.

For: 10 Against: 0

Nominations for Secretary: Susie Jamer

Motion to close nominations by Joral Wayne, seconded by Grace Malone.

For: 10 Against: 0

Susie Jamer is elected Secretary.

7.0 NEXT MEETING-

Monday October 21 @6pm

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

6:20pm

Smith School Parent Council Meeting Principal's Report

September 2024

- o It's been a very busy start-up to our school year!
- o We currently have 46 students enrolled.
- o Gr.7-9 will be starting a Heroes Social Skills program. It focuses on building resiliency, and positive self worth.

- o First lockdown was completed successfully. The first fire drill will be tomorrow.

- o Terry Fox fundraiser was a smashing success!
- o Gr.1-6 students went to Soccer Fun Day in Boyle. They had a lot of fun!
- o Gr.7-9 students participated in a soccer Fun Day against Rochester here today!

- o Volleyball is underway!
- o Run Club is underway!
- o Archery is underway!
- o Gr.5-9 Student Council had their first meeting. They are starting to plan the October Assembly and Halloween Carnival

- o Leadership roles are underway!
- o Moms Pantry Fundraiser is ending tomorrow. Funds raised go towards the skiing and swimming program.
- o Maritimes trip only has \$2000 total left to fundraise! Any additional funds raised will go towards paying for meals and tips while on the trip. They have the Christmas wrapping paper fundraiser coming out soon.
- o Changes made this year included adjusting the timetable to ensure adequate minutes were provided for core subjects. Trialing a balanced schedule where students in K-Gr.6 get two times to eat a hearty snack/meal. Increased recess time per recess and removed last

recess. So far students seem to be adjusting and teachers are offering movement breaks and additional snacks when needed. Teachers appreciate the change.

- o Teachers will be involved in instructional rounds. The group will get to go watch each other teach to help improve teaching pedagogy.
- o We will have a student teacher joining us at the beginning of October!
- o Focus will be on increasing quality of student work, and increasing expectations on students
- o We would like to increase PowerSchool engagement by parents.
- o Parents can now pay School related fees through PowerSchool

Upcoming Dates:

- o **Friday September 27-** Truth and Reconciliation Activities to honor the children who never made it home and families and children who were impacted by residential schools. Students provided stew for lunch.
- o **September 30-** Truth and Reconciliation
- o **October 2-** Volleyball tournament in Boyle
- o **October 10-** Volleyball tournament in Grassland
- o **October 14-** No School
- o **October 15-** PD Day
- o **October 17-** Cross Country Race at LTIS
- o **October 18-** Games with Seniors and Family Lunch
- o **October 20-25-** Book Fair
- o **October 22-** Admin Meeting at Smith School
- o **October 23/24-** Parent Teacher Interviews
- o **October 25-** School Assembly
- o **October 29-** Don't Meth with Me Presentation for Gr. 5⁶
- o **October 30-** Volleyball In Boyle
- o **October 31-** Halloween Carnival