

Portage View Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Monday, May 3, 2021 5:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance:

Rob Prouty  
Sue Moxam  
Katerina Henderson  
Michelle Hedderly  
Jennifer Morris  
Sandy Barker  
Michelle Pratt  
Rebecca Ramdeholl  
Sarah Vibert  
Jen Armstrong  
Jacquie Raycraft  
Jocelyn Brunet  
Laura Martin  
Jaime Upham  
Andrea Boden

Michelle H called the meeting to order at 5:01.

Principal's Report - Rob Prouty and Sue Moxam

COVID 19 Update

School in general is on hold in many ways, awaiting an announcement from the premier to determine next steps and what the next two months will look like.

In terms of Learn@Home, more technology was handed out this time around than before which is good as it hopefully means more students are accessing Google Meets and Online assignments. There are many families that are struggling and many that are finding a groove. Teachers are now feeling better equipped so it wasn't as big a shock as in previous rounds of Learn@Home. Teachers were not provided with training so there was much learning on their feet but at this point they have found their way.

Graduation

Grad meeting was held this evening along with a staff meeting but it is still unknown if a proper ceremony can be held until there is an announcement made by the government.

## Financial Items

We need to move some money around in order to rectify accounts that may be overdrawn and others that have surpluses in order to make graduation happen. Some categories must end up at \$0 balance so we will need to move money around. Eat well to excel currently has a balance of approximately \$9000, without the breakfast program we have acquired a surplus. Rob has sent an email to inquire about this balance as last year he was able to purchase gift cards for groceries and hand them out to families in need. Another possibility would be to put together food bags that could be sent to families in need.

There was a question of using the money to build a vault to use next year, but there currently is no space in the school (and a concern about mice) and the Eat Well funding will be provided to get us off the ground in the spring

\$838.08 from clubs and teams to General school needs

Motion by Michelle and seconded by Sarah

Grade 8 Field Trip fund has a balance of approximately \$8000 whereas our commencement account is in a negative position. The goal has always been to have no cost for graduation. Graduation includes a ceremony including awards, and a dance with food and a DJ. Last year, as there was no ceremony each graduate was provided with a lawn sign, and a \$25 gift certificate to Pizza Pizza and the school fronted the cost of the graduation composite. Last year, the cost per student was approximately \$50. Since graduation photos have not yet been taken, developing a composite is a challenge at this point in time. Laura has offered to develop a composite using photos the students would provide themselves should we not return to in person learning allowing for grad photos to be taken.

Andrea motioned to move \$6974.07 from Field trips to the Graduation fund. The motion was seconded by Kat.

Technology fund is currently showing a surplus however technology purchased earlier in the year has yet to be taken from there.

## Teacher's Report - Jacquie Raycraft

May is crazy busy. May is Asian Heritage month and Skills Trades and Technology month. This week is May 3-7 is mental health week and Education week so many events going on with those events. Announcement slides have been added to the school website so that families can access them as well. Wednesday night is Snuggle Up and Read night. Blue Spruce and Red Maple voting is complete now and on Wednesday the winners will be reported. Many e-books are available through Sora. There have been approximately 25 new multiple listings books in addition to the addition of new titles being added continually.

## Spirit Days

Flower power and super hero days coming up in May as well. Days have been selected to prevent people from going out and getting things.

## PIC Meeting

February

The committee received an overview of the upcoming student census by John Dance and Lisa Newman

April

There was a presentation by David Fitt and Justin Van Diepen about skills trades and tech education.

## PIC Grant Spending

Michelle asked if any information had been received back about the PIC Grant Spending. One item that can be purchased are books and Rob suggested purchasing copies of Self-Reg and other parent resources that parents could sign out. Another possibility would be to get a subscription to a parenting magazine. As parents, we can determine the collection of books to put in there. This would need to be advertised so that the books are used because we don't want them sitting there unused. Money does not need to be put in for one topic...we can be creative in the future and could continue to grow our family resources and also allocate money to other areas.

## Fundraising Suggestions for 2021-2022

Sarah suggested

Fresh from the farm

Bradford Greenhouse

Bulbs

McMillan

Dominos Raising the Dough

First Aid Emergency kits

Little Caesars frozen pizzas

North Country Meats

Colts Night

Thirty One

Spirit Wear

Candy Grams

Smencils

Laura wondered if there is kick back on spirit wear. Sandy informed that there cannot be a kickback on those items. The price is to be kept as low as possible for families. Laura is willing to create and develop items and the profit line that companies are making could be supplementing the parent council. Sandy is looking into finding the board policy surrounding that.

Other items such as hot dogs, pizza, pitas will likely continue depending on COVID protocols.

Developmental Skills class will likely run popcorn as it supports their program

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 6:13

The next meeting will be in September