***Baltimore Public School - Parent Council***

***Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2024***

**Members Present:** Renee Cameron, Breeann Cochrane, Rachel Finlay, Danielle Dafoe, Pam Graham, Jen Pendergast, Brianna Peterson, Sara Stewart, Lindsey Logel

Minutes from previous meeting (February 8, 2024) were approved.

* Goals for Parent Council
  + Short Term – Trips, Fundraisers, Support for Teachers/Classrooms
  + Mid Term – Technology
  + Long Term – New playground equipment, swing set, basketball nets (placement redesigned)
* Parent Council Funding Support for Classrooms
  + Council has previously approved for each teacher to receive $200 for their classroom needs.
  + To date, council has paid approximately $1,000 for these requests, which includes wobble chairs and disc golf cages.
  + There was a new additional request by Ms. Low and Ms. Semplonius for a light cube that would be split between the two classes.  The total cost of the light cube is $406.78.  Therefore, they are requesting an additional $110.74.  A vote was held, and council approved this request.
  + Renee will remind the Jr. teachers about the support for classroom fund and that they should inform council of any requests they have.

**Fundraising**

* Update provided by Breeann Cochrane & Jen Pendergast
  + Mabels Labels – ongoing
    - The link will continue to be shared
  + Hot Lunch Program
    - There have been consistent issues with Pizza Pizza (late arrival, poor quality, empty boxes, etc.) The school has spoken to Pizza Pizza numerous times about the issues, and they provided a $200 credit, however, the issues continue.
    - Unfortunately, there aren’t many other affordable options that include dairy free and that are individually packed.
    - Council agreed that if next weeks Pizza is unsatisfactory, the remaining pizza for the year will be cancelled and we will look into a different option for next year.
    - Parents who have already paid in advance for Pizza Pizza will be reimbursed through Healthy Hunger.
  + Toonie Tuesday
    - Raised approximately $202 in March and $65 in April.
    - The next Toonie Tuesday is May 7th – Dress as your favourite animal
    - This fundraiser benefits the teachers as all money raised goes directly to their classroom requests.
  + Domino’s Pizza Night
    - Held on March 4, 2024
    - Raised $385 (77 deals sold)
    - There were issues with Dominos being short staffed and not prepared for the large turnout.  Some families were waiting 2 hours for their order to be ready and many people cancelled their orders due to the wait times.
    - Domino’s addressed the issue and reached out to several families and credited them a free pizza.
  + Make It Sow
    - Raised $380.59.
    - Was a successful fundraiser.
  + Kernals Popcorn
    - Everything is ready to be launched.
    - The deadline will be May 8th.  This will ensure orders will be ready before the long weekend.
    - There will be two different sizes to order (snack bag or party bag).
    - It was agreed by council that we will charge $2.50 for the snack bags.
    - The orders will need to be picked up in Peterborough and brought to the school for distribution.
  + Family Trivia
    - Renee is speaking to the teachers about the logistics of it.
    - There will be a prize to the top three students.
    - We will be asking parents for donations through School Cash Online.
    - There might be a tech issue as there aren’t enough iPads.
  + Spring Market
    - May 10, 2024 – 3pm to 7pm
    - Currently 18 vendors are signed up. We are looking for a few more (jewelry, flowers, food, etc.)
    - All vendors so far have agreed to $30 for the cost of the table plus $10 for insurance.
    - Food vendors have to pay $30 for insurance, plus $30 for the cost of the table.
    - Entry will be by donation only.  Anyone who donates will receive a ticket for a draw.
    - It was agreed that there would be no food sold by parent council.
    - There will be a bake sale table.
    - Some teachers have confirmed they will donate some items.
    - More volunteers are needed.

**Yearbook**

* Update provided by Rachel Finlay
  + There was a privacy breach last year by Edge Imagining; however, everything has been sorted out and the board has approved that we can go ahead with the yearbook.
  + The yearbook club has continued to take pictures throughout the year.
  + The Yearbook club will be picking a few themes and then each classroom will vote on the theme they like best.
  + The School covers the deposit of the yearbooks.

**Regional School Council Meeting**

* Next meeting is on April 16, 2024 – Jen Pendergast will be attending on behalf of parent council.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Update provided by Danielle Dafoe
  + Currently there is $27,781.48 in the account, plus an additional $12,000 in the charity fund that is held by the school board.
  + It’s been approved for the $12,000 in the charity fund to be used for the swing set.
  + Danielle has prepared a draft of how the accounts should be split up so it’s easier to read and determine how much is in each account. She has split it into 5 groups (General Fundraising, Playground Fundraising, Toonie Tuesday, Teacher Fund, Tech Club).
  + Danielle will provide this to Chantal and Chantal will move the accounts.

**Teacher’s Report**

 Update provided by Mark Duke

* It was confirmed that that parent council has approved $500 for Ms. Kernan to use for the Grade 6 graduation.  $400 will be used for the hall rental and $100 will be used for decorations.

**Principal’s Report**

* Update provided by Renee Cameron
* Katie Schissler has returned from maternity leave and is on the permanent staff list.  She’s teaching Grade 1.
* Professional Learning – Teachers are being trained for Year 2 kindergarten to Grade 2 – early readers screening.
  + - The board has approved supplys in the fall to cover the class while teachers screen the children on foundations for reading.
    - For students that aren’t reaching benchmarks, they will be placed in small group interventions and screened again
    - The programming is online
* The upcoming PA day on April 8th will be focused on staff school improvement and obtaining data
  + There will be training in May or June with a literacy coach
  + Next year they will be looking more at Jr. math.
  + The board is doing training on trauma information practice which will help teachers learn how to support children and families.
* An invite was sent out for parents to attend a EQAO webinar
* Lacrosse is coming into the school next week and each class will have two lessons
* The spelling bee for grades 4-6 will be rescheduled to the 15th due to the snow day on the 4th
* The spelling be for grades 1-3 is taking place tomorrow (April 5)
* Ms. Kernan is coaching both the boys and girls basketball teams.
* There will be a community clean up for earth day and each child will be bringing home a tree sampling.
* Spring concert will be on April 24th – day and evening show.

**Other Business**

* School Equipment
  + - Grades 3 and up will be voting on which equipment set they like the most
  + Pam received a quote for the primary option.  It will be around $20k.  She will go back to Hendersons for additional quotes
  + Swing Set
    - Quote was sent to facilities and now were waiting for them to get back to us
  + There was a request that the spring concert be recorded and parent council cell the videos for fundraising.  This will not be possible due to not having media consent for some kids in the school.