

North River Elementary PTG Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021 (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Present: Kelly Caddell (chair), Sarah Jeffries-Perry, Heather Bishop-Amero, Lisa Matheson, Janine MacKinnon, Erika Wood Lewis, Ashley Dalrymple, Sarah Cormier

1. Treasurer's Report- Sarah JP

- Co-sign authority for cheques needs to be changed as Melissa will now be removed from signing authority as outgoing chair and Kelly will be added as she is the new chair.
- Current account balance is approximately \$9022.
- PTG owes school a cheque for \$4900 for the playground.
- PTG group has decided to offer teachers \$100 each to spend before the holidays for their classrooms. Receipts will need to be submitted before the holiday break for reimbursement from the PTG.

2. Teacher's Report- Lisa, Ashley

- Feedback from the students is that they love the new playground set up and equipment.

3. Principal's Report- Heather

- First-ever virtual assembly was held last month. It was a success. Second virtual assembly is scheduled for Oct 29/21.
- Parent-teacher interviews will continue this year as virtual appointments vs in-person.
- Plans are in the works for the holiday concert this year but will likely be virtual. Looking for input from the group on ideas. Discussed pre-recording each class and providing parents with a link to watch their child's performance, or possibly doing a live performance via Zoom or Google Meet.
- This week the school is collecting non-perishable donations for the food bank (until Oct 29/21). Discussion re. food insecurity is also a topic being discussed with the students in classrooms with the reminder for children to be an ally to one another.

4. New Items

- Kelly is looking at getting quotes for school T-shirts from two different companies in the area. Will get a quote for approximate cost of 200 shirts and present options to the group to review.
- Discussion re. options for fundraiser to be held in the month of November to raise money to purchase books for the school at the book fair. Sarah JP plans to get more information re. a fundraiser that includes selling mugs, cards, etc. with indigenous artwork. Group agreed that this would be a great fundraiser idea for this year. She will get back to the group by the end of the week (Oct 29) with more information. Plan to launch fundraiser by early-mid November and wrap up no later than Nov 23/21 to allow enough time for orders to be in before the holidays.
- PTG will sponsor a popcorn day for the students on Oct 29/21. Cafeteria cook, Heather, will help with making the popcorn along with a couple parent volunteers. PTG will supply the buttery topping. There is enough of the other supplies still at the school.
- Kelly will provide a "PTG blurb" for the newsletter going out this week. She will include that the PTG is always looking for new members and there is currently a vacancy for secretary. Sarah C. will continue to fill this role until it is filled.
- Book fair will be held virtually this year and will take place on Feb 7/22. More details to come on that. Sarah JP is the main organizer for the book fair but Kelly and Sarah C. have also volunteered to assist.

Next meeting: **TBD**

Minutes Prepared by: Sarah Cormier