



PALMER RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2017

Meeting Minutes



Present – Donita Hartwick, Heather Faraday, Tanya MacGregor, Rachelle McCloskey, Nicole O’Brien, Angie Hewis, Trisha Michaelis, Lori Phanenhour, Tori Juhasz, Hanna Phanenhour, Emma Michaelis, Jude Kelley

Regrets – Leah Bozak, Laura Tennant, Jennifer Juhasz.

1. Introduction around the table.
2. Review of September Council Minutes – Approved by Donita, 2nd by Heather.
3. Treasurer’s Report – \$5493.76

Forecast & Actual Revenue/Expenses For 2017/2018 School Year

EXPENSES						
	2017/2018 Forecast	2013/2014 Actual	2014/2015 Actual	2015/2016 Actual	2016/2017 Actual	2017/2018 Actual
Agendas K-6	\$ 400.00	\$ 658.19	\$ 653.95	576.98	275.72	\$ 233.53
Agendas 6-8	\$ 200.00				143.97	\$ 139.71
Grandparent's Tea	\$ 150.00	\$ 87.04	\$ 134.45	No Cost	No Cost	
Year-End Class Trip Busing Costs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 2,977.55	\$ 3,192.25	\$ 3,214.85	
Year-End Class Trip Student Costs	-			\$ 1,577.60	\$ 2,140.10	
Grade 8 Graduation	\$ 200.00	\$ 183.68	No Cost	\$ 103.96	\$ 161.59	
MVDHS Bursary (1 @ \$200.00)	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Misc. Purchases	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,370.40			\$ 857.63	
Misc. Costs - Postage	\$ 50.00				\$ 42.66	
Screen for Gym & Chromebooks	-	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 1,733.70	
Embroidered Jerseys & Event Flags	-				\$ 2,795.62	
	\$5,100.00	\$8,911.31	\$3,965.95	\$5,650.79	\$11,565.84	\$ 373.24

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Once again we had fantastic attendance at our Parent/Teacher Interviews. A big thank you is extended to all families that were able to join us to discuss your child's progress to date. If you weren't able to make it in, or even if you were in, but now have new questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out. All of the staff will be more than accommodating to any parent requests.

Boundless School – Once again through our reciprocal agreement with Boundless, they have invited the Grade 4/5/6/7 classes to attend a day of outdoor learning. The focus will be on collaboration and staying active. We are very fortunate to be able to participate in this programming. Further, it not only benefits us, it benefits them as well. It allows their students the opportunity to engage in real programming and leadership opportunities.

MADD – On December 4th we will have our MADD presentation to the Grade 7/8 students.

Art Gallery – We are running 2 art galleries again this year. This allows our students to be recognized in different disciplines and showcases the talent here at Palmer. The first art gallery will be held on Friday December 8th. Any child who has had a piece chosen, will take home an invitation to their parents shortly. The event is open to any other parent or community member that would like to attend.

School Turkey Luncheon – Thursday December 14th in the gymnasium. Nicole O'Brien will be running with this event. Anyone that is able to come and help, we'd love to see you. Heather will post on Facebook – help wanted.

Christmas Concert - Wednesday December 20th @ 6:00pm. If it happens to be a snow day, the alternate date will be Thursday December 21st @ 6:00pm. All students will remain in their classrooms both before and after their performance. Students will be made aware of this expectation. There are three main reasons for this. Firstly, we simply don't have enough room in the gymnasium to comfortably accommodate parents plus our student population, secondly, we don't want people moving around throughout the gymnasium while other students are performing, and finally, we want to ensure your child's safety, by being aware of their whereabouts at all times. Please rest assured, your child will see the entire performance during the Dress Rehearsal. We thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

CO Country Market - Sandra and the CO Country Market in Combermere delivered another cash donation (\$250.00) to our school. The money will be put toward our Breakfast Program. It was raised from the books they sold in their store. For the months of September and October they ran a Book Blitz. All the money raised was split between the 2 local schools.

RCDSB – Strategic Plan – This is the first time the Board has published a hard copy of the strategic plan. You can find an electronic version on the website, or additional hard copies can be requested for anyone that may want one.

Mr. Welk – will be retiring on February 28, 2018. The posting for this position has been made and I will let you know once a successful candidate has been announced.

Student Representatives – Welcome Tori, Hanna, Emma! We are thrilled to have you on our Parent Council team and look forward to any insights, thoughts, concerns and celebrations you'd like to share with us. Student voice is an important component and as a group we value what you have to say. Thanks for taking on this exciting role!

5. Old Business:

Who's Running With Each Event?

Primary Floor Hockey - Friday February 9th – Donita Hartwick

Junior Floor Hockey – Friday February 16th – Donita can shop for it when she is shopping for the Primary, but she is not able to be here to run it. Lori Phanenhour and Heather Faraday can assist. Tanya MacGregor to check her schedule and advise if she can take this on.

Gray Matter – Grade 7/8's Friday May 4th – Heather Faraday/Jen Juhasz/Leah Bozak

Junior Soccer - Thursday May 10th - not assumed

Primary T-Ball Tournament - Friday June 15th – Nicole O'Brien

6. New Business:

Walk-a-Thon – Save the date – April 28th.

Goal – \$6000.00.

Alica Stein will co-ordinate volunteers.

Tanya will co-ordinate firefighters and paramedics.

Jude will co-ordinate police officers.

Nicole will do the BBQ this day.

Donita will mail out donation requests in the middle to end of January. She will follow up phone call after that.

We will get juice donated again and not sell juice at the BBQ.

** This will be Tanya's last year running the Walk-A-Thon. She will help out next year, but doesn't want to be the main lead.

School Improvement Plan –

Primary Grades 1/2/3 – NPDL – Collaboration – Rolled out DI activity. Students had to build a tower with paper. There was a great deal of frustration around the task and students didn't necessarily work well together. As a team we will be meeting later this week to debrief on the activity and further unpack the explanation to students. Success criteria and a clear understanding of the meaning of collaboration will be developed as we continue to move forward within this goal. The main focus is to develop collaboration from a young age, to develop a positive school climate.

Junior Grades 4/5/6/7 – RMS – Focus on capitalizing on our strengths in reading and writing to improve our math scores. Utilizing number talks, math journals, and word problems, we will continue to build confidence around number sense and numeration. Conversation was had about the difference between memorization of facts and processes versus understanding. Both have a place in the curriculum. The inventive understanding makes it difficult for parents to support students in their math work. We will also be accessing the support of the SST, central RMS days, TELT-C and Math Leads to further enhance our pedagogies in an effort to move forward student achievement and success.

Senior Grades 8 – Transitions work which is Grade 7/8/9/10. This is a collaborative initiative to support the students as they move from the elementary panel to the secondary panel. How do we instruct for success? What are some gaps in learning between the two panels? Is teacher understanding aligned?

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday January 30, 2018
8. Meeting Adjourned – 7:30pm.