

PTO Minutes November 7, 2017

Present at the meeting were Kerstin Grzesik, Stacie Burrows, Ali MacGillivray, Melissa Lilly, Chris Bergman, Rebecca Nickerson, Kellie West and Roberta Sullivan.

Playground update

Kellie West spoke with Dan Sheehan who informed her that Parks and Rec decides when a playground needs to be replaced. He is attending a meeting on Thursday of this week and will be mentioning Oldfield School. HRM is responsible for 40,000 to replace the playground structure and any additional monies from PTO would be used to augment/enhance what HRM provides.

The Province does not contribute to replacement playgrounds but does have grants that can be applied for (as does the HRM).

For information sake, a PTO member will look into the costs of the Lion's and Oakfield Playgrounds.

Kellie will also speak to Dan regarding a school sign.

Bottle drive

The bottle drive raised \$1143.26 in bottle collection plus \$78.00 cashed out from our account and an additional \$85.00 in cash donations. The total amount comes to \$1201.26

Melissa was told after the fact that there was a fee for use of the truck etc. This was not disclosed upfront and next time we will ask for an invoice for the cost to use the truck and the sorting fee.

West Jet Tickets

There was discussion around a lack of volunteers and lack of tickets sold at certain vending spots. It was decided to set our sights on sure bets for sales. These sights included Sobey's Elmsdale and Fall River, Superstore Elmsdale, Breakfast with Santa and Bingo at the Enfield Fire hall.

Kerstin was going to contact Jenn (at the fire hall)???

A selection of possible prizes will be available to the 3 top sellers to choose from. Prizes will be chosen in January.

Breakfast with Santa on December 9, 2017

The Menu will include sausage, pancakes (Syrup and Butter), eggs, juice, coffee, tea (milk, cream and sugar). We will serve breakfast from 8 to 11 am. We will book the hall longer to be sure all pictures get taken

Erica MacPherson will be running the Kitchen and will do a walk through the night before.

Advanced tickets will be \$20 for a family up to 6 members and \$5 per person. Tickets at the door will be \$25 for a family up to 6 and \$5 per person. Presale of tickets will end December 1, 2017.

Arlene Travis will be taking photos of Santa. We will ask for a minimum donation of \$5 for each photo. Arlene will be able to email the photos to people. We will ask grade six students to volunteer as helpers (passing out info sheets, pens etc.). We are hoping to have the elves in costume. Chris will lend her velvet chairs for the event.

A baked goods table will be set up for people to buy cookies etc. We will send a notice home to parents asking for donations of baked goods and for parent volunteers. Roberta and Kerstin will get this notice ready to send home.

Paul from the Fire hall has a list of places we can advertise without cost and will share this list with Melissa.

Possible locations for the donation letter Kelli Macdonald did for us to be dropped off include Costco, Sobey's, Vegetorium, Avery's, Chops meat Market, Gateway, Pete's , Superstore wellington Bakery and Withrow's.

Turkey Dinner on December 18, 2017

A donation list will go home with students after Breakfast with Santa weekend.

Potatoes carrots and dressing will be donated by the Enfield Fire Department. Other items needed are Turkeys (80 lbs),rolls, corn, candy canes, butter, Juice boxes (Chris will count how many she has from the Halloween Family night).

Rebecca offered to help co-ordinate volunteers.

Budget

It was Motioned and approved to move all funds into the general PTO fund except the Playground allocation.

There was discussion around how we raise money for technology and playground. Do we allocate 20% of funds from all funds raised through the year or dedicate one specific fundraising event for the cause? It was decided that \$2500 to be taken from the playground fund to purchase iPads immediately for the younger grades with hopes that our 4 locked iPads will soon be available to use (Kellie will look into the locked iPads). Once the West Jet and Breakfast with Santa fundraisers are finished and we see how we did financially and then evaluate how future funds will go to Tech and Playground.

Money is still owed to Hope for Wildlife as they have not yet returned to finish their talk with certain grades.

FaceBook Page

It was determined by all in attendance that the current PTO executive be in charge of the PTO Facebook page.

Food Drive

Determined that it be better to have food drive in the new year with the class with the most donations to win a movie/popcorn day (or something similar).

Teacher requests

The School Librarian would like a colourful book trolley to display books for the younger grades. The cost is \$349.00. The PTO agreed to pay half the cost. A request from Ms. Wiswell for \$120 to help buy items needed for the Green Christmas campaign was approved. Also a request from Mrs. Wisen for alternative seating (\$100) was approved.

Chris Myers/ Fire hall

Kellie will look after co-ordinating the kids to make thinking of you cards for Chris who is battling cancer. As well children will do thank you cards/posters to thank the fire hall for all they do to support us. In recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Fire hall and as a thank you to them, the PTO will donate a pizza night at the Fire hall's December 5th meeting. Kerstin will speak with Pete regarding the order and Rebecca can let us know how many Volunteer fire fighters we need to feed.

Our next meeting will be December 5th at 6:30 pm.