

## **Orono Public School Council Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Orono Public School Learning Commons**

**Date: February 10, 2025 at 6:00pm**

**Attending:** Ashley Bell, Iva Lavigne, Nicole Jones, Setina McLean, Angela Winslow

**Call to Order:** Iva Lavigne at 6:00pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Ashley approved, seconded by Nicole

### **Principal's Report:**

Nature Nancy has been at the school twice recently for some junior classes, where they have enjoyed some fun forest play and games.

Trip transportation has been challenging to arrange busses. They've looked at renting busses from Northumberland and Peterborough and there's additional charges from \$300-500, which would be added onto the trip costs. Therefore, looking at more opportunities on bringing in special guests or walking to local things within the community like the library and fire hall.

Reports will be going home with students on February 20<sup>th</sup>, but will also be available online via Edsby.

Community information – on several poor weather days, several families have contacted the school to see if the busses would return students home in the afternoon. If busses run in the morning, then they will definitely run in the afternoon to return students.

Out of bounds school accommodations – currently Orono (as well as several surrounding schools) are not able to consider as we're at capacity. There is an application process and forms, found on KPRDSB site that will be considered by the principal and the superintendent on a case by case basis. However, this process takes time and placement may not be confirmed until the second week of September and is reviewed annually.

Earth Rangers came for the entire school on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, with some animal ambassadors! This was sponsored by local MP Piccini and the school trustees were also in attendance.

### **Teacher's Report:**

Art Night is planned for March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm in the Learning Commons. Jason Wilkins a local artist will make a presentation and then paint a mural/collage on a 3'x5' canvas that will be hung within the school. Families will then go to the gym where the Dance Club will be performing, and pizza will be served. Then the choir (grades 3-6) will be performing around 7:00pm. There will also be student artwork displayed throughout the Learning commons and hallways.

Pizza will be available on school cash online for pre-order only (either by slice or medium size pizza), it will not be sold at the event. Looking for 4 volunteers to assist with pizza distribution at the event. Pre-orders will be cut off by the end of February.

Some of the Dance-A-Thon money raised will be supporting this event. They are also looking at other initiatives for those funds, possibly an outdoor space for students.

School Clubs – Dance Club, Choir and Ms Forbes has also started a Sketch Club

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Income from the families for festive lunch was low and we used the funds from Big Box of Cards to pay for the remainder.

Funfair: \$2500

Big Box of Cards: \$33.52

Experiences Fund: \$443.49

Fresh From the Farm: \$326.70

Grade 6 Graduation: \$300

Kernels Popcorn: \$560.03

School Council: \$1255.74

Hot Lunch \$1142.34 (funds collected up until end of October 2024)

The remainder is the teacher allotments, some have spent a portion of their funds already

**Regional Council Update:**

Focused on Safe & Caring schools with 2 guest speakers.

School climate survey data was released to schools in January, parents at the meeting were asking how the school specifics will be released to the school community and how responsive the schools are. Orono is focusing on sprinkle kindness boards and student expectations. School improvement plan includes literacy and numeracy. Literacy using UFLI reading and Morphemes (focusing on prefix, suffix, root words); Numeracy how to compose and decompose numbers and mental math. Acadience screener is being used as an early indicator of literacy. Ms Gershon and Ms Winn work and focus on smaller groups to close the gaps on learning challenges. Report cards will indicate benchmarks for grades 1 & 2, and anyone below the benchmark will be re-assessed.

Looking at a math coach around March break to work with the staff.

Trustee Reports: reviewed no cell phone policy and screen addiction.

**Discussion Items:****Positive School Climate Team:**

The team will have 4 meetings over the school year and consists of students, staff, parents, community (current team – Ms Winn, Ms Leyes, Ms McLean, Ms Wunderlich, Nicole Jones and 3 Grade 6 students).

Acceptance and connection with other students are the biggest focus; currently students feel they do have positive connections and who to talk to about bullying.

Recess time there are more bullying or poor student interactions during these non-structured times. The team is working on finding things to do during this time and provide some choices.

The new clubs have helped, particularly with students that are not interested in sports during recess.

A board has been created and will be posted in the main hallway that shows what choices are available and when/where.

The Mental Health team is working in coordination; this month focusing on kindness and possibly Valentines cards for the senior's centre.

**Fundraising Progress:**

Big Box of Cards was successful, raising over \$900

Currently running Little Caesars pizza, closes online Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, delivery March 3<sup>rd</sup> but required to sell 100 kits. We will need helpers on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to help sort the delivery.

Krispy Kreme donuts will be posted on school cash for pre-order mid-April, available on May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Concert:**

This will likely be a choir/dance performance

**Funfair:**

Planning will begin and Iva will be looking for volunteers to help organize. Planning for Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Festive Lunch Update:**

Krumb's catering was very late for our first sitting, so we sent students back to their classrooms and out for recess. They were early for the second sitting. There was no explanation or apologies from Krumb's and they were very hard to get ahold of. We will have to look at other catering options for next year.

**Adjournment:** Iva at 7:30pm

**Next Meeting Date – May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**