

MINUTES
VALLEYVIEW School Parent Council Meeting
May 7, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Gray, Lisa Achilles-Belanger, Kristine Keene (Teacher rep), Shauna Aubin (co-chair), Julie Hodson (co-chair), Care Greaves, Jessy Malone-Daniher, Nicole Vingerhoeds.

Regrets: Michelle Simone, Shannon Robinson, Abby Anderson, Jayme Blyth, Sherrie Quistberg.

Guests: Siobhan Longe, Dee Buckle.

*** Action items are highlighted in grey.**

1. Call to Order - 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda, approval of minutes

MOTION: Caralyn moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jessy. All in favour.

3. Mme Buckle & Mme Longe present request

- Mme Buckle and Mme Longe presented a letter from the grade 1 FI and grade 3 classes. They are requesting funding to attend the Children's Francofun Festival in Winnipeg on June 6th. The funding would help to cover the bus costs and will provide students with an authentic French experience including music, face painting, and drama productions.
- There was also discussion about a fundraiser to raise funds for this trip – Debbie's Greenhouse selling Begonias
- The bus costs just over \$1680 and 34 students will be attending. It costs \$10/person for bracelets to enter the festival.
- Council already provides \$10/student for year end trips.

MOTION: To support this field trip experience with \$700 from the Lottery Account (this amount includes the \$10/student money school council contributes for end of the year experiences). Julie moved to support this. Seconded by Jessy. All in favour.

4. Principal's and Vice Principal's Reports

- Congratulations to school council for the successful Vacation Draw fundraiser. Bravo and thank you!
- Several classes have participated in a Blanket Exercise on Truth and Reconciliation. We have invited Yvonne Bearbull and Elder Cathy Lindsay to lunch to discuss Truth and Reconciliation Awareness.
- Grade 4 students participated in the LEGO Expo learning about coding and programming.
- We had a successful Autism Awareness day.
- Our Grade 5 students hosted a successful science fair, showcasing their projects for the school.
- Ms. McLuckie's Kindergarten class used themselves to measure the length of a giant squid.
- Ms. Kwiatkowski's grade 6 class programmed LEGO Bots and showed the rest of our school how they did this.
- Mrs. Mays' class visited Pinecrest residents.
- On May 15th, we have one grade 5 student who will be participating in the Media Literacy Speech Competition at King George.
- Valleyview held an Eco Fair in the gym. There were many different community partners who attended to make this a success.
- We held a Litterless Lunch Day during Earth Day week.
- New picnic tables were purchased by the Eco Club with money from the last Colibri fundraisers (the tables were made by the Beaver Brae Builders).

- The Eco Club also held a very successful plastic bag initiative. Many plastic bags were brought in and taken to Wal-Mart to be recycled.
- We held an EQAO Night to educate families on what to expect on the EQAO assessment, how to support their children and how to reduce stress. Three parents attended.
- TIMSS Assessment took place on April 29th. Grade 4 French Immersion students wrote this assessment.
- Grade 3 students will be traveling to Steinbach for their year end trip in June.
- Grade 6 students will be travelling to Winnipeg to attend the Night at the Museum and Sky Zone for their year end trip in June.
- A Grade 6 celebration will be happening this year.
- There will be a Grade 6 dance at King George in May.
- Kindergarten will be making panels out of lids for the outside kindergarten area.

5. Teacher's Update

- Eco Club wrote about a plant and raffled them off to students. The stories are in the main hallway.
- For Mental Health Awareness Week, there was a Mental Health Challenge read on the announcements each day, giving strategies to help students and staff.

6. Finance

- There was clarification on the budget – hot lunch money had not come out yet.
- The School Council Budget money needs to be allocated to certain items going forward.
- A discussion was held about creating a budget for next year.
- Trips have been paid, the third-place winner chose to take cash.
- The lottery licence has been signed off.
- **For the June School Council Meeting: Set a breakdown of the budget for the 2019-20 school year.**

Upcoming Costs

- Year End BBQ

6. Current Business

PIC Review

- Shauna stated that she is very proud to be a part of KPDSB.
- Our Board is really looking at reducing costs.
- There are things School Council can do to offset costs.
- Autism funding concerns were discussed. There is a lot of unknowns in funding currently. Parents can write letters to Greg Rickford's office with their concerns.
- It was discussed whether we wanted to write a letter to the government to address our concerns.
- Classroom ratios and the funding model was discussed.
- Shauna met with Lisa to look at ways to help support student activities.

Family BBQ

- This will occur on Saturday, June 1st. (*Note that date has since been changed to June 8th.*)
- There will be a scavenger hunt. There will not be prep with this e.g., take a picture by crow, pylon, etc.
- Each team will need a camera/smartphone
- Pre-registration was discussed
- prizes – movie passes or rec centre passes
- We have not been successful in finding a BBQ. Bestway does have one that we could rent for \$324.98 and it can be delivered.
- Look into precooked burgers from A&W

ACTION ITEM: Shauna will look into Sysco options.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa will develop Family Olympic activities.

Parent Council Nomination Packages

ACTION ITEM: Shauna will work on these.

- September 13 – Nomination packages will be due back to the school.
- September 17th – Nomination Night
- First council meeting will be in October

ACTION ITEM: Shauna will type up an email with School Council information and send it to administration to send out.

8. Committee Business

Fundraising

Valleyview Vacation Draw

- This was a huge success. We are very grateful to every person who saw the vision and supported the Vacation Draw. Volunteers don't have the time, but they have the heart.
- There will be an updated spreadsheet for next year.
- The tickets and format of the tickets were great.

Valleyview Community Cookbook

- These will be sold on a pre-order basis plus 10 percent extra.
- We would like to market these for \$25.00 each. They would like to market this now to include grade 6 students.
- We won't know the cost until we know the number of recipes.
- We will collect the recipes over the summer.
- There will be a link online to upload the recipes.
- These will be available for pre-order in September.
- There was a suggestion to have the students design the cover.
- The purpose of these is to build community.

Next Draw and Timeline

- The purpose of the draw will be to fund for transportation costs for next year.
- Shauna has contacted Barb already for next year.
- The plan is to send home one book/student next year.
- There was a discussion around trying to find a Canadian trip, the cost of the flights is approx. \$3000.
- We would be eliminating the Christmas Raffle Basket draw
- We will focus on the Craft and Bake Sale.
- The gift card fundraiser is not going ahead.
- There was a discussion about organizing a local business gift card fundraiser for the 2020-21 school year.
- Viper Gear – School Council to take over this in the fall.

Hot Lunch

- Lunches are going okay.
- It was decided to see if classes would take over a day next year.
- We will cut back to 2 parent-led hot lunches/year.
- An email will be sent to families asking for volunteers.

TBayTel Grant

- Deadline for entries is May 28th.
- There are 3 funding levels.
- We would like to apply for turf for the upper playground

- A brief project summary on video will be needed focussing on the community aspect and we will need to submit a budget.

9. Next meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.