

Meadowlane School Council - February 28th

Principal's Update - Pam Mustin

Staff Changes -

- Mr Gilmore filling in for Gr 5 & 6
- Ms Malina is taking a leave, Ms. Johnston will be replacing her starting on Monday.
- In process of hiring an ECE for Kindergarten to cover a leave
- Mme Makrydakis is supporting French while Mme Gamma is on leave

Focusing on avoiding discriminatory language, using the boards DIRECT model to help administrators address instances of discrimination

Chocolate fundraiser is now scheduled for after March Break

Teachers Update - Sarah Knapp/Ryann Martin

Guelph Grotto was a great success - students were so happy to participate. It was great to see students who may have been hesitant to start ended up getting involved and trying it, and we're very proud of their attempts/progress.

- High rate of participation, approx only 5 kids couldn't participate and it was due to lack of permission forms

Olympic themed activities - door decorating contest (each class had a theme), Olympic trivia. Carnival - fun afternoon, choir tried to do Olympic theme song some technical issues, but still a good time.

Black Brilliance Conference - 6 students in Grade 6 who identify as black were able to participate in the conference at Laurier University. The goal of the conference was to celebrate black history and culture and to also give the students an opportunity to see themselves as University and College students. They heard from successful black people within the region. The students were very excited to go and it was a successful activity.

Black History Month - Students have been given opportunities to learn and perform songs at assemblies that are connected to this history, and they've also been sharing stories on the announcements of Black leaders.

Ramadan - several students are fasting, so they are given a separate space to use at nutrition breaks. A staff member who identifies as Muslim has been supervising and supporting the students.

Treasurer's Report - Jenn Dufton

Popcorn: \$340 new sales, \$1518 total for the year

- Cost of last order of \$416.81 has now been posted
- New cases have been ordered \$179.46
- Total cost this year so far = \$596.27

School Day Fees: No school day fees for Dec but we did have fees of \$37.15 for Jan

Guelph Grotto - the remaining \$3500 was paid

Teacher Led Initiatives (from the School Council support pledged earlier in the year)

- Gr 5 & 6's had a field trip to the flight centre, with a cost of \$49.36 - to reduce the cost to students

Other - \$10 donation to the school account via school day - we'll confirm with Shannon on the purpose.

Current \$9227.53 Net Income

Looking ahead, likely expense for Kindergarten Open House

Q - in the past, when expenses were submitted for the Fun Fair, how were they broken down/provided?

A - Last year, a pile of receipts were provided and reimbursed, Treasure would prefer itemized.

Pro Grant Update - Jenn Dufton

Committee for Multi Cultural Event - Ryann, Pam, Jenn, Julie, Michelle, Trish Martin-Lemeiux

Date: May 5th 5:30-7:30

- Lots in the works of what the event will entail - trying to focus on Student engagement/ideas to drive what we're going to focus on for the evening
- Hoping to leverage all the work already on going for other cultural learnings within the school
- Engaged the KW Multicultural Organization to support
- Put the call out to parents for engagement - low uptake currently
- We'll seek out volunteers closer to for set up, etc.

Fun Fair Update - Martin Schreindler

May 20th 2026 - 5pm to 7:30 pm

Planning is progressing well - bbq and face painters are booked.

- Face Painter - average price \$140-180/hr - likely going to go with one for this year, and a limited offering to get more kids through.
- Clown - a personal contact will come and do balloon art - will need a police check.
- Food - on track, Weston will donate buns, we will not be doing pizza this year as it wasn't a success last year, and will focus on hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Seeking donations.
- Activities - people will come to run soccer and teach cricket - focusing on some free activities.

March 7/March 14 - tentative meeting for the Fun Fair committee

Q - What is the target budget for the event?

A - One has not been assigned at this time

Discussion on Auction/Classroom's Creating Basket - some baskets were incomplete last year, so Council was trying to top up baskets or combine them.

- Donations for items have been lower in recent years
- Sarrah Knapp to pull donor list from other activities to potentially see about new donor contacts.
- A raffle may be more effective than a silent auction, but unsure if a lottery license is required. TBD.

Discussion on Bake Sale - Ryann is looking into guidelines about food preparation and rules with the board as we may not be able to ask parents to provide donations, but also worth noting we've had low donations years prior.

- Martin to look into local bakeries to potentially have desserts to sell
- Can run ice cream stand, sell freezies, etc.

Discussion on charging a cover fee - opinion its not a good idea from an equity perspective. Ideal to indicate it's a fundraiser for clear expectations, but we'll still focus on free activities as well.

- Could there be a free centre attraction - dog show, reptile show? Etc.
- Dunk Tank, Pie in the Face, etc.

Will be promoted to the community, Martin is working on signage and will look into performers/attractions.

Movie Night - April 23rd @ 6:30

Inside Out 2 to align with things the teachers have been focusing on for emotions, self regulation etc.

Movie will be no cost, but snacks will be available for purchase.

Next Meeting - March 25th.