



# CLIFTON SCHOOL

## Winnipeg School Division

### Parent Council

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### Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Present:** Colleen Creasy, Vanessa Bartlett, JoAnn Kushman, Shelley Gagne, Susan Drysdale,

**Parents Present:** Ryan Creasy, Tiffany Peloski, Robert Peloski, Carla Rodrigues, Keeley Teramura, Christine Remoquillo, Christie Collins

**Regrets:** -

**Meeting called to order:** 5:02pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Colleen Creasy to approve the agenda for this meeting

Seconded by: Vanessa Bartlett

Carried.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Colleen Creasy to approve the PAC meeting minutes from Sep. 27, 2023

Seconded by: Vanessa Bartlett

Carried.

#### Lunch Program Report:

- See attached breakdown of expenses from Colleen
- Expenses include:
  - o \$17815.50 for base lunch hour wages
  - o \$200-250 for wave accounting
  - o Wage for bookkeeping time
  - o Emergency lunches, plastic spoons & forks are also big expenses
- Currently 66 kids enrolled in LP (\$19800), losing just one or two would be detrimental to the program
- Based on these numbers we will likely be over budget by the end of the year

#### Treasurer's Report:

- See attached report from JoAnn for September

#### Principal's Report:

- **Heart:**
  - o In keeping with the year-long theme of "Belonging", teachers have developed a unit to end with an event at the school on May 30 that answers 4 questions by Murray Sinclair – Who am I? Where do I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?
  - o Save the date of May 30 as this will be in place of a spring concert

- Mrs. Drysdale started a new event today – “Cookies and milk with the principal” – each teacher chose a student from their class – Mrs. Drysdale asked the students questions about their school experience – got great student feedback
- Remembrance Day service will held on Nov 10 around 10:30am - all are welcome - there will be a walk to Valour commons
- Looking to get a Red Cross babysitting course at school – this will be for the leadership cohort of 11-12 year olds
- **Mind:**
  - A new book borrowing house has been installed in front of school - helps develop home reading program - made by Ms. Webster’s husband and an RB student – feel free to drop off or take books
  - Winnipeg School Division report to community is online - picture of patrols in there because we were top patrol squad in city last year
  - Report card info – a letter will be sent home about this – if a student is able to access 50% of the curriculum, staff is to help them to develop an educational adaptation program – on the report card this will show as a 1 – this is still a good thing and means they are at grade level for 50% of the content - it just means we need to support them with adaptations (e.g. bigger font, more time, different computer) – parents might see more 1’s than in prior years due to this change – however parents should know about this before they see report cards as the teachers should reach out
- **Body (of school):**
  - All drills are complete - Evacuation, Hold & Secure
  - Students are asked to start dressing for the weather

#### **Chair Report/New Business:**

- Representative from World’s Finest Chocolates was in area and dropped off samples
  - 4 peanut free options - 6 nut free options - plus regular nut options
  - 3 for \$5 for small bar packs, \$3 almonds
  - Profit depends on how many cases sold - 30 per case
  - Considering this for the spring fundraiser
  - Colleen will ask the rep follow-up questions
- Lunch program
  - 8 students owing for Oct - none for Sept
  - No longer billing for milk - this saves money as no receipts/invoices need to be created
  - Considering doing a few pizza lunches for LP fundraising – would use Mr. D’s connection as the cost is less
  - Staff – ratio of 1 to 20 kids in gym – this means we need 5 staff + coordinator most days – most days we are down two staff - struggling to keep positions filled
  - Parents have the option of volunteering two days a month to pay for monthly fees – time required is 11:50am to 1:05pm - in class/gym for 30min then outside for remainder of time
  - We would like to give returning staff a wage increase to help prevent turnover - fundraising for LP would help allow this
  - Email question from parent - Why are students sitting on floor and not tables?
    - Upper grades were moved to the gym because less staff are required to oversee which means less cost – we use floor and benches which are wiped down before and after eating – this saves time and hence cost – we can put out a few tables and give students the choice of sitting there if parents wish

#### **Questions:**

- Do students have the option to help with clean up after they are done eating?
  - Yes, they can help wipe down tables/benches. They also can help with sweeping/mopping up after themselves.

- Staff do encourage students to eat more if they notice they are finishing too quickly because they are not eating all of their lunch
- How long do students have to eat?
  - 30min to eat before going outside
- Many kids don't drink enough water. Can school do anything to help with this?
  - Yes, school can help motivate students to drink water – reminders during morning announcements on PA - reminders from teachers to take drink breaks
- How does Lunch Program work with the daycare expansion?
  - Any students joining daycare this year and in future years will be required to take part in the Lunch Program through the school. This will help boost the LP numbers which will help with the LP budget. This is also beneficial to the kids who want to be with their friends at lunch.
  - Daycare expenses should be \$30/mo less to cover the LP expense
  - Any students already in daycare prior to this year will be grandfathered in and will continue to eat lunch in daycare and pay the daycare for this time, not the LP
- Additional daycare concerns
  - Daycare is not yet fully funded and this was not properly communicated to parents
  - There are daycare spots available – students have to be in the WSD catchment and go to Clifton School - filling spots will help school get more teachers etc.
  - When exiting school during daycare pick up/drop off please use south door, not north

**Next Meeting:** Nov. 29, 2023 @ 5:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:25pm

**To Do:**

- Colleen to ask chocolate rep follow-up questions
- Colleen to look into pizza lunches for LP fundraising
- Susan to help re-enforce drinking water with PA announcements