

Greendale Parent Advisory Council

September 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

Nicole and Tai

3. Reports

a. Chair

- Semi-normal start to the year
- Coffee after drop-off to Meet and Greet with parents, but not as successful as it could have been due to Tim Horton's delays :(
- Hope next year we can smooth it out and increase the opportunity for more networking
- Still have some volunteer spots that are critical and will need to be filled

b. Treasurer

- Nothing to report - haven't received the letter to know how much our Grant is yet

c. Parent Education

- No News
- Bulletin board - should we be using it?
- Parents aren't in the school much and it seems unnecessary given all of the other sources of information (Facebook page, Newsletters, etc)
- We will let the bulletin board go! Noel has been using it in the meantime

d. Emergency Preparedness

- Still need to meet up and take an inventory of supplies
- Each classroom has a "Go Bag" - they need to be updated still
- plan to refill water supply in January and plan what to do with expiring water
- purchasing some larger gallons of water to store behind the gym and purchase cups (for emergencies and, later, for sports day if it wasn't needed)
- Staff wants to go through the shed and figure out some storage solutions to make it more efficient and accessible

e. Fruit & Veggie Program

- Cassandra sent out "reverse consent" about Fruit, Veggie, Milk for parents to opt out if wanted
- First delivery will be on Monday, the 27th - grapes
- Send the monthly Fruit/Veggie list to Nicole so she can include it in Newsletters

f. School Lunch

- Once a month starting in October (dates are confirmed with Cassandra already)
- Alisha is finalizing prices and will get more info out ASAP
- Do we want monthly? Do we want to branch out from Pizza? Yes and Yes!

g. DPAC

- We do not have a Rep!
- No urgent news to respond to

h. Community School

- Next week is the meeting, some ideas are coming up but nothing has been solidified yet.
- We'll have more details in October

i. Principal

- A good start-up, but a bit deflating for staff who were looking forward to a more normal year and having to go back to masks was tough
- Staff reflection on the start-up (make it more streamlined regarding students going back to their last year's teacher, Ks and K/1s, interviews, gradual entry, meet the teacher night, etc)
- Maybe we can get parent feedback/reflection on start-up?
- Promontory is shut down right now (20 staff/student cases). Anxiety is up and it wears us down.
- Terry Fox assembly tomorrow and Run next Friday morning (Oct 1). Will be fundraising next week and we lowered the goals given the difficult year/2 years with student incentives if goals are met
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - Orange shirt day on Wednesday and assembly on Monday
- Early dismissal on October 8th (at 11am?)
- We've practiced Emergency Response - first fire drill on Tuesday
- Photo day tomorrow (Sept 24)
- The work being done on the school - repairing the boilers - should be done Friday!!
- Head's up - Remembrance Day Assembly...not likely to have parents allowed if it is an in person assembly
- Staff has been asking for Rainbows (rainbow paintings/murals). We can discuss further in October.

4. Business arising from last meeting

a. Mabel's Labels

- Fundraiser was open in May, currently sitting at \$45...Relaunch for Fall? or cut our losses?
- Kara makes a motion to end the current fundraiser. Lindsay seconds the motion.

b. Great Little Coupon Books Fundraiser

- Don't have numbers yet as the fundraiser just ended.

- Will discuss again in October.
- We noticed the book was a little “light” on deals and the price went up from \$10 to \$12, so we should re-evaluate the value next year.
- Try to email ahead of time to find out how it looks before we commit to it
- c. PAC meeting schedule
 - Monday mornings, Thursday evenings alternating every month
 - Location for Monday morning meetings TBD
- d. DPAC rep nominations
 - None :)

5. New business

- a. Terry Fox Run
 - Will do video of the History of Terry Fox, coin drive, the run next Friday
- b. Volunteers (sign-up sheet)
 - Still need volunteers. Keep posting about it on the Fb Page and in Newsletters.
 - Maybe do another Coffee/Snack time for volunteer sign-ups after school?

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: October 18th, 9:00 a.m. location TBD