

## **Ecole Oriole Park School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2017**

### **Attendance:**

Adrienne Gadsby   Cara Fizzard   Angela Sommers   Sarah Rollingson

Tanya Judd   Keira Rudge   Colette Pedde   Kory Sholdice

Call to order at 3:42 p.m.

No additions to the agenda-Adrienne made a motion to adopt the agenda, Angela 2nd, passed.

Old Business:

No discussion from the November minutes.

Adopt-A-Family review- Adrienne and Kory-

Adrienne gave a breakdown of expenses and donations:

\$2500-parent council

\$350-parents

\$350-staff

\$255-silent auction

Cara and Adrienne did the food shopping, \$1300 on presents, \$600 on dry food, \$450 on fresh food, \$800 on gift cards. We supported 8 families total, gifts for kids only, except for one grandparent.

Some criteria has been developed by admin, to keep work load and costs to a reasonable level- families being helped should have a positive relationship with the school, should gifts be given for children 16 years and older? Or should the amount be reduced on those gifts?

Colette said that in conversation with her admin peers it was discussed that the goal for school council fundraising is to benefit the school body. The schools need to be sensitive about the fundraising they're doing to address equity in the district. We should start a food drive earlier next year, re think amount being spent.

New business:

a) Celebrations-nice weather! Students went out to skate!

b) Treasurers' report-Robyn-absent-sent notes to Chair

Approx \$8800 in the bank, still need to pay for concert DVDs, Canyon, hot lunch.

Council donated \$100 to Pam's gift basket before the holidays as her son was in the hospital. In the future, hot lunch money needs to be transparent.

We should have a list of what our expenses are every year: agendas, etc.

c) Fundraising report-Tanya-poinsettias went well, will sell again, but should we consider using a local greenhouse? The one from BC has been great, but Tanya will look into details from local business.

Swim passes-last 56 for sale in the office, program is being discontinued. Council can sell them also at a table during PT conferences on March 23rd. Colette will post info on OP website. Agendas are \$2500 each year, do we have enough to pay for them? Should we sell Jump 360 passes? The district office has said that our fundraising dollars need to be earmarked. We need another review of finances to know exactly where we stand.

Maybe Amazing Savings money next year can go toward agendas?

We can have a hot dog supper in June and do the free hot dog lunch in June. Tanya will check with Kerri Kenworthy if Prairie Bus Lines will donate to one of those events.

Spring Fling will be held on Wed April 12, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

d) Principals' Report-Colette-Snicker of Magic surveys came back, parents would like the One Book, Many Schools program to continue, perhaps with less chapters designated per week. Central Middle School may join next year.

Report card surveys-some good feedback from parents-maybe have more on-going feedback on the reports, moving targets, use the word "achieving" to show that learning is continual, more descriptors for personal growth.

Kindergarten registration is going well, full days seem to be well received by families.

Kory-Spellathon-Kickoff will be Feb 3, he will encourage teachers not to have spelling tests at the same time, lighten the load for some students. Shorter lists were well received last year, will be used again this year. Pledges will be collected through March. When is the test?

e) City Wide Parent Council-Sarah-said that OP is slated for modernization in 2 years. Next meeting is Jan 24 at Madi McCullough.

Next meeting: Feb 13 at 3:30 p.m.