

Ecole Oriole Park Parent Council- Meeting Minutes Oct 16, 2017

Attendance:

Adrienne Gadsby, Shannon Radtke, Kaycee Monteleone, Audra Garnett, Keira Rudge, Tanya Judd, Erika Rowden, Elizabeth Carlson, Angela Sommers, Sarah Carlson-Rollingson, Colette Pedde, Kory Sholdice

Call to order at 3:33 pm, Cara welcomed everyone.

Acknowledgement of our Treaties both north and south of the river and the history of the FNMI peoples in the area.

Special guest: Stephen Pottage, technology co-ordinator from RDPSD.

Brief introductions around the table, as we have a new parent here, yay! Welcome!

Stephen Pottage-Why Should Kids Learn To Code? (Why is computer science important?)

-jobs are changing, more automated, we need people who can communicate with computers
-many schools are creating maker spaces, or innovation spaces, kids can play while computing, learn problem solving, etc.

-start with what's already in the district, compatible with Chrome books, but should likely purchase a few iPads for OP as well:

Recommendations:

1. **Lego BOOST**-App (online, Toys R Us), approx \$200-create 5 robots and then interact with them, play with them, not for younger kids maybe. (Teacher resources available)
2. **SPRK**-sphere-o's-self contained units, very durable, water resistant, LED lights, get the App, give commands, solve problems, set of 12=\$2500. (Teacher resources and runs off new Chrome books)
3. **Ozobots**-programming with colours, but has consumables (markers), so could increase costs.
4. **3D printers?** Would be great to purchase but very expensive, likely \$2500 all in. And only good if creating educational pieces, not just toys.
5. **Fisher Price caterpillars**-maybe for kindergarten, only \$60 each, but pretty basic.
6. **Dash and Dot**-interactive robots, \$250 each, a bit limited, maybe better for younger kids?
7. **Scratch**-great coding program, developed by MIT, could we offer a coding course or club?
Need staff to be on board.

-Coding arcade in the spring for the district, kids design games, put on display at RDC.

*Digital citizenship curriculum coming out very soon, info for teachers and parents.

-Important to keep in mind that technology is ALWAYS changing, need to start building up a tech library, but will need to replace items very few years.

Thanks Stephen, great presentation!

No additions to agenda.

Sarah made a motion to accept the agenda, Erika 2nd, passed.

No old business from Sept minutes.

Celebrations:

-new parent in attendance!

-Colette-3798 laps run so far, team building activity in the school, kids like it, also bird houses will be built.

-Erika-Maker space info and Stephen here-yay!

Fundraising:

Tanya-a few Admazing Savings books left, can still sell, but we can return what we don't. Cut-off will be Oct 20. Colette will send reminder.

-Christmas catalogues-not selling a lot so far, let's extend deadline to Oct 27, would be nice to cover cost of agendas. Can we do a participation award? Yes, a pizza party to class who has most kids participating (not who sells most \$ amount).
-issue-poinsettias-when to be delivered? Nov 30 or Dec 7? PT conferences? Tanya will check.
-council gave \$4600 to teachers from Admazing savings (hadn't given any last year)
-\$200 Amazon gift cards-what to do with them? Adopt a Family or Maker Space?

Principal's Report:

Colette-\$6000 new guided reading resources were purchased for this year-yay! Lots of FNMI resources. Also \$3000 for French resources, "Autour du monde".

-Artist in Residence program this year-water colour projects with 2 teachers/artists in the district, Feb 12-16. Old funds from Spellathon were used for this.

-tech committee meeting this week, collaborate with council? Yes. Some funds available.

Audra-Wrap up for One Book, Many Schools-Family Night Out at the Rebels, Nov 24. Can council subsidize ticket costs? Yes. Kaycee made a motion to spend up to \$750 to reduce tickets costs to \$15/adults and \$5/kids. Sarah 2nd, passed.

City Wide Parent Council:

Sarah-election for city wide council coming up

Next mtg: Nov 14 at Hunting Hills at 7:00 pm

Adopt-a-Family:

Kory-we need to scale back. Equity committee has said spending too much on too few families, not benefitting entire school.

We can spend \$100/family, max 5 families. We can still accept food donations from Thurber.

Criteria for sponsored families include relationship with the school and have they been helped many times before.

Much discussion: Tanya opposed to this. Says we should be helping as many families as possible, especially if we're happy to help/fundraise.

Erika-can we do a giving tree? Other schools do this.

Adrienne-what about a school wide food drive?

Erika-can families adopt other families?

Kory will discuss with Colette, get back to council.

Elizabeth asked about evening meetings? Yes, we will consider that.

Adjournment: 4:59 pm

Next meeting: Nov 20 at 3:30 pm