

Royal School Parent Connection
Actively Supporting Our School Community

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Minutes
ROYAL SCHOOL PARENT CONNECTION MEETING
Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023 6:30 – 7:30pm by Teams

In attendance: Tanis T, Sara G, Monica G, Julia O, Joe T, Danae T, Natasha G, Jani S, Christine L, Kara

What We'll Discuss Tonight:

1. Review / approve minutes from last meeting - Approved
2. Smile Report
 1. Enjoyed Birch bark biting and Terry fox run
 2. Meet the Royal team was great
3. Treasurer's Report - Joe
Healthy balance – a little skewed as received orders for food for the dance but haven't paid for the dance yet. We're still in a healthy position.
4. Fundraising - Danae
 - a. Peak of the Market - update and Oct 26 delivery
 - a. Must sell min \$1000 for orders to go though. Closed last night \$1215 with a profit \$607. Delivery on 26th between 9am and 12 pm with leadership team helping. Sara and Danae to send out contact info
 - b. Upcoming Fundraising - Shelmerdine for Dec?
 - a. Yes. Danae to look into. Pickup Dec 7 so that Dec 8 is for any missed. Shorter fundraising period as orders seem to only come in when reminders are sent.
 - b. Suggestion by Jani to create calendar with all fundraising on it and deadlines, etc. Possible add fundraising to school website calendar and Instagram.
 - b. Fun Lunch Nov 3 - A & W, volunteers needed
Sara and Monica to assist
Fun Lunch Support Fund:
Look to have a master list and cycle through families
5. School Dance Committee - Natasha/ Jani
 1. 385 attendees and 311 food orders.
 2. Spent ~\$650 (does not include the cookies). As of last night still 21 families that need to e-transfer their funds for their order. About 65 pizzas will be delivered to doors close to parking lot.
Layered communication – kickoff email, Instagram post, flyer home with kids. Would like to do a feedback survey. Would like to add a raffle component for fundraising.
 - a. Updated numbers, Volunteers, Items still needed
 - b. IG takeover and Communication
 - c. Feedback survey post event
6. School Report - Tanis
 1. Enrolment – is at 214 students (holding steady)
 2. Staffing – we said goodbye to our afternoon secretary, Mrs. Robertson, and said hello to our new afternoon secretary, Mrs. Holm. We have a new rehab assistant EA Ms. Vijay (who has many years of experience in OT and PT support), and another new EA is soon to be hired for our morning Kindergarten class.

3. Extracurriculars are in full swing:
 - a. Grade 5 volleyball
 - b. Grade 4/5 student leadership
 - c. Grade 3-5 intramurals at lunch
 - d. Grade 2-4 games club
 - e. Grade 4/5 craft corner
 - f. Lunch time choir club
 - g. Recycling club
 - h. Composting club
4. We are taking an intentional look at our ongoing work to create a Safe, Caring, and Inclusive environment at Royal School. We will continue with our core curricular programs:
 - a. School wide respect agreement
 - b. Kelso's Choice – whole school training in problem solving and bullying prevention;
 - c. Kids in the Know – whole school training in building resiliency and creating safety in both the online and offline worlds
 - d. Zones of Regulation – January 2024 training in self-regulation strategies
 - e. Roots of Empathy – in grade 3DF, teaching empathy as the foundation for positive relationships and inclusion
 - f. Project 11 Mental Health – in grades 4 and 5, teaching mental health skills and positive coping strategies.
 - g. Staff training in Commit to Kids (child sexual abuse prevention), Respect in Sport (preventing bullying, abuse, harassment), Trauma Informed Schools, and ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023

Possible discussion items:

-Dance success! Overview

-Setting a Fundraising goal / what we're fundraising for (ideas)

-Educational Assistants at Royal - how is that number/need determined?

-Lunch Bunch update K. Nikonchuk