

Minutes
ROYAL SCHOOL PARENT CONNECTION MEETING
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6:30 – 7:30pm
Online Meeting by Teams

In attendance: Tanis T, Sara G, Julia O, Joe T, Danae T, Monica G, Natasha G.

First Meeting of School Year - Welcome!

1. Review / approve minutes from May 2023 meeting (attached in agenda) Minutes were approved from May 2023. Welcomed two new parents to the Sept meeting (Jani and Steven)

2. Treasurer's Update - Joe T

We're sitting solid as we start the school year. We have paid for the Meet the Royal team event (bouncer rental, face painting).

3. Smile Report - any positive news to report from first 2 weekdd as Welcoming environment by the Royal Staff. Enjoy seeing extra-curricular activities for kids grades 3 and up such as choir, cross-country.

4. Meet The Royal event - Sara, Tanis

Everything is ready to go for Wednesday event. Bouncer and glitter tattoo artist rented through Amazing Entertainment. Three food trucks coming.

5. Fundraising / Events

a. Peak of the Market Farm to School fundraiser - starts now until Oct 15/23 - Danae.

Farm to Table (POTM) has two bundle options \$15 and \$25. Donations will be delivered to the school. Families can choose to pickup donation or allow Tanis to find families in need of a bundle. Thursday Oct 26 at 9am is the POTM delivery date.

Glenlea Fundraiser - Monica G - set it up for delivery on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 as they were requesting booking dates already.

b. Fun Lunch - will start up on Friday Nov 3. Looking like A & W will be the food service.

c. October Family Community Dance - Natasha. Jani S was very interested in helping out with the communication portion (IG, emails). Natasha and Jani will have a dance committee meeting later this week (Sept 21). Hot pizza supper is an option. Looked at Pizza Express (no vegan options, expensive); Pizza Depot; Jani knows the owner of Boston Pizza Charleswood - we use them for Fun Lunch so a good option.

DJ - looked at 2 options. Sock hop package with lights, engagement with kids.

Forms for dance - everything will be prepaid. Set up a google doc to share information. Payments for pizza can be e-transferred to RSPC gmail address.

No donut wall - hard to work with and need volunteers to handle that.

Quiet Room suggested by Tanis that could have games for kids who nerf a break from the dsnce. Good idea.

Budget for the dance - all agreed that we are okay with \$1000 or a bit more to make this a successful community event.

Communication - Jani suggested doing an Instagram Takeover of the Royal School IG to highlight the dance. Tanis ok with that.

6. Discussion - what are we fundraising for? Do we need a goal? Would that help get more families supporting fundraisers if they knew what it went toward ?

-parent input?

-survey?

No time to discuss this. Future meeting.

7. School Report – Tanis

Meet the Royal team is on Wednesday Sept 20. Assembly followed by open house.

Tri-conferences first week of October.

We currently have an enrolment of 214 students for 2023-24. We have already completed one fire drill (10 required during the school year).

Our new staff members include:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Logan – teaching grade 1/2 mornings
2. Ms. Christine Cambly – teaching grade 4/5
3. Ms. Sonia Vijay – beginning October 2, she will join our EA team as a trained Rehab Assistant (supporting OT, PT, and SLP needs)

We are looking forward to the assembly tomorrow (Wednesday) at 3pm, with elder Pat Bruderer and learning more about her life and birch bark biting.

We are also looking forward to the Open House/Meet the Team that same day from 4:30-6 pm.

In early October, we will be sending out a parent volunteer survey, to collect information on our families' talents and passions and potential willingness to be guest speakers or helpers in the school.

We continue to pursue the question of air conditioning for the school wing that does not have it – Tanis has proposed a plan for the school budget to cover the cost of window units for each room (over 3-5 years), and is also encouraging the division to explore a rooftop unit for the wing.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023