

MINUTES

OLMP Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Frigon at 7:03PM

In attendance

Kelly Frigon, Melanie Marohn, Kristy Smith, Tanya Fox, Lisa Menzel, Tammy Chartrand, Shelley Charchun, Eden Newberry, LynnAnn Swerda, Callista Baska, Kevin Baska, Darcie Webster, Chelsea Shank, Jocelyn Armstrong, Karen Stokowski, Taralynn Semmens, Kevin Elliott

Opening Prayer

Kristy Smith

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 5, 2018, were approved by Lisa Menzel and seconded by Tanya Fox.

Approval of Agenda

Melanie Marohn and LynnAnn Swerda

Treasurer Report

\$14,024.59 bank balance still need receipts from teachers wish lists, so this balance will be lower as those come in.

Correspondence

No correspondence

New Business/Agenda Items

Email Account – Tanya Fox asks that an email account be created for the school so that anyone who wants to e transfer money to Parent Council in regard to the donation letter they can go ahead and donate that way.

LynnAnn Swerda motioned that Tanya Fox can create a gmail account for the purpose of e transfer for the donation letter. Melanie Marohn seconded this motion.

Donation Letter – Kelly Frigon will revise the donation letter to have e transfer on it and then will be sent home with the students.

Hot Lunch – Hot lunch is good to go for October. Orders are open now until the 26th of September. Parents need to sign up for a new year and add your students. PayPal is the only form of payment. Hot lunch will be on Wednesday's with the occasional Friday when there is school. Hot lunch is looking for a new coordinator – job is to call restaurants and be sure they are ready as well as distribute hot lunch on Wednesday's and certain Friday's. Hot Lunch committee will have a meeting to discuss how to handle the long line ups to receive hot lunch, seems to be a problem with the kids not bringing printed confirmation that they ordered hot lunch, in turn volunteers having to look through lists of names to see if said child is on the list. Need to come up with a plan to make this system work better. One EA and a student are able to help out, but still not enough man power. Talked about Leadership helping out, but never came to a conclusion, will re visit hot lunch at the next meeting.

Tabled Items from last Meeting – Kristy Smith will look into the remaining tabled items from the last meeting to see where everything is at.

- Wardrobe/Shed for Drama, they are working on a plan right now
- Laminating machine – is the school able to provide this?
- LabQuest/Streams/6 Pocket labs for Science, is there CIF Grant money to purchase these items.

TAG – September newsletter explains about TAG time. In short, each student attends home room at 10:00 am everyday with the students able to connect with the same teacher all year long. No tech time, books, reading, extra study time or homework can be completed in this time. TAG time improves literacy and is about recreating connections between students and teachers.

Leadership Group Presentation – The leadership group at OLMP work to build school spirit, organize Service work, raise funds for various causes. Plan and pay for school dances and leadership field trips to various locations to help with projects in the community and surrounding areas.

Leadership group is asking if Parent Council will help them purchase a vending machine that they will fill and maintain as a group to raise funds to run their leadership program.

Tanya Fox would like them to come up with a concrete plan and application to Parent Council before Parent Council votes on helping. LynnAnn Swerda has agreed to spend some time with the leadership group looking for machines and helping develop a plan on purchasing a vending machine.

The school is willing to contribute \$2000.00 towards the vending machine, Parent Council will be able to give a total dollar amount once all receipts have been given in for the teacher Wish lists.

Principles Report

- Excited for the start of the new year and the new staffing changes.
- Hockey Academy for grades 5 -8
- Sport for life being run during option time, works better for the students and families
- French has 40 kids in grades 7 & 8, looking at getting University credits for high school French, trying to implement the 9-year French program, grades 4 -12 equivalence. Those who may not have had French all those years may be able to be caught up.
- 6 New teachers to OLMP Mr. Watson, Mr. Riise, Mrs. Dunnigan, Mr. Maclean, Mrs. Ashby and Mr. Ellert
- All School fees are online, trying to have a better system with options and knowing what is coming for fees before your student begins the option
- Terry Fox Run on Thursday September 20, 2018

General Comments

It was suggested that there be more information provided to grades 5/6 at the beginning of the school year. They need clear information on how the kids are to sign up for activities and what is available for them to do at recess (the recess issue was tabled at the last meeting). It was also suggested that there be an alternative for kids who don't want to go outside at recess and Kristy advised that they will be starting a program called "Maker Spaces" which will involve a teacher supervised craft and activity area. Kristy also indicated that they are looking into some thing like climbing walls and some seating options for outside, but they can't move forward with anything until the portables at the back of the school are complete, which hopefully will be around the end of September.

Parents advised that the transition to Battle River bussing has not been all good. Students are arriving late for school and some in-town kids are on the bus for 1 ½ hours. Kevin said Elk Island is aware, but it is out of their hands. A parent suggested that anyone with concerns contact Battle River Bussing directly.

Tanya offered to provide a list of activities available to grades 5/6 for the Fridays off and she will send that to Kristy.

Next meeting November 20, 2018 at 7:00pm

Teachers Report – Dan Wispinski

Semester Break is just over which means a new semester for high school students and new CTF and CTS classes for all others.

Teachers Convention was Feb 8 & 9, 2018

Ash Wednesday at St. Francis was excellent, good attendance 400 plus students

PD Faith and Wellness day last Friday was great.

Basketball is winding up, Senior Boys doing well.

Indoor Running Games at the Butterdome Feb 22, 2018 several students attending with Mr. Reinhart

Grades 5 -8 can attend Hockey Hooky in Edmonton on February 27 - \$20.00 Permission forms were sent home

February 28 is Pink Shirt Day – Bully Awareness

Face to Face coming to do a presentation for the grades 5 & 6

Young Authors in Sherwood Park on Saturday February 24

Junior High Basketball divisionals February 24

Junior High Curling Team to Sherwood Park February 23

Parent Teacher Interviews possibly March 19 & 20, trying to work with St. Pat's interview times.

Grade 6 going to the Legislative Buildings March 12

Scheduled Lockdown for OLMP on March 22 @ 9:30am

Announcements

- Free throw competition ran by the Knights of Columbus – ages 9 – 14, local, regional, and provincial 2nd or 3rd week of January may happen. Watch for more information

Next Meeting

April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm at OLMP

Adjournment was made at 7:50 PM