

PTA Principal notes

October 2022

We got off to a good start!

- September PD had a focus on Literacy Goals, Cultural Relevance (Caring Schools), Friendliness and Gratitude Themes, and Contact home to parents in September - I am looking for feedback from a parent perspective, and Makerspace
- We have some new staff this year who have been a great fit. (Riley Munroe PE, Jan Wells-Balsom SC, Sarah Stevens ½, Lacey Barrow 2, Kaitlin Mitton ¾, Jennifer Imlay P1, Krista Parsons 4/5)
- We started the year with Art Specialist, Kate Broadbelt. She is working with classes on a large welcome sign to draw guests to the main entrance. We also hope to do a mosaic piece in the library and something connecting Indigenous connection to the Sackville river and Salmon. Emilie knows of a graphic artist who might assist with print on a large scale.
- The Breakfast Program has been busy with about 25-40 students accessing regularly. The team is staff and student volunteers. We have 2 local seniors who are baking muffins and bagging cereal. Hopefully the Cereal drive this month will bring in a much needed staple of the program (*Can this go up regularly on the PTA FB page??*)
- We have worked through 3 safety drills this month (fire, hold and secure and Lockdown). Emilie walks the school through these drills over the PA for the first time, considering new students to school and increased anxiety in students as a result of interrupted schooling. It is important for students to understand why and how we do drills. This approach makes a huge difference in the positive followthrough of the drills.

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- **School supplies.** *Class sets were purchased for each class, some supplies could not be ordered so teachers purchased and were reimbursed. Pocket folders were purchased by mistake and not duatangs. Emilie stated that more supplies will need to be purchased later in the year.*
- *We gave permission for Emilie to take the remainder of agreed upon funds for the supplies that was voted on in June taking our portion to \$2500.*
- *White board markers were purchased for each teacher and they loved them.*
- *Paul Russle inquired about how much we may need to purchase more.*
- *Form was shared with Emilie and Eleanor for teachers to fill out requesting help from the PTA and all requests will come back to the committee for a vote.*

FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS

- *Changed the movie night to a dance in January*
- *Changed the food boxes to pies and changed the members needed to 5 for March.*
- *There was a lot of debate of needing to add more fundraisers/events to meet our financial needs for the year. Emilie stated not willing to add more dates as all dates are submitted to the board already.*

ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- *Reviewed the by-laws and made some changes. Emilie will update and resend out via email.*

- *New positions were added to by-laws. VP, treasurer, secretary.*
- *If committee members wanted to come forward to take an executive position then they should email Stephanie or Emilie.*
- *Vote for those positions will be held at the next meeting.*

Curriculum Night

Stephanie and Rebecca to speak for the PTA about what we do and will have information and a volunteer sign up sheet available for the parents.

SUB COMMITTEES

Stephanie will be making up a master list and reaching out to members to see which sub committees they would like to work on and reach out to volunteers to fill in the gaps.

Once all committees are established the committee will start the leg work on their event / fundraiser and report back to Stephanie and the VP once the roll has been filled.

COMMUNICATION

Posters and event information will be posted on the caudle park parent facebook group as well Emilie will post on the school website. Rebecca will be posting about the DFS and keep us all updated. Emilie has asked if we can also update the parent page with school communications as well, i.e. cereal drive.

School supplies It was a bit of a challenge this year. Learned some valuable lessons.

- Not all classes can be bulk supplies. Older grades need individual supplies
- Cost more than anticipated and may not last throughout the year
- Needs to be ordered earlier
- Need PTA volunteers to sort and package for classes

Costs s - will PTA be reimbursing?

To date PTA paid \$1,914.58 towards supplies

School budget paid \$2,637.02 towards supplies and \$1360.00 towards the year end trip.

Total school supplies were \$4,551.60 PTA and Emilie agreed that the PTA would reimburse the school budget \$585.00. Next years funds towards supplies should be estimated up to \$5000.00

Membership?

New initiatives this year?