

Joseph Welsh Elementary School Council Meeting

Agenda– November 28 2023

1. **Call to Order** 6:30
2. **In attendance and Introductions:** Laurie M, Kyla R, Kevin R, Amanda W, Jim W, Sean G
3. **Review & Approval of Agenda & October's Meeting Minutes**
4. **Celebrations and Announcements**
 - Grade 5 students - 1st block after lunch has grade 5 students taking on leadership roles around the school. Office help, classroom help. I love seeing the grade 5 students in the hallways reading with the younger students. They are so encouraging.
6. **Teacher Report** - Grade 2
Amanda W talked about grade 2 year so far. Working on math, reading and writing as well as friendship skills
7. **Business Arising from Minutes / New Business**
 - a. Christmas Winter Market
 - i. Kyla talked about the market; will tweak the wording on letter to go home to contact office for financial concerns
 - b. Lifetouch school photos
 - i. When does school need to decide on school photos for next year? Will revisit options around March
 - c. Fun lunches
 - i. Focus on school wide lunch/ snack instead of lunches through Healthy Hunger. Trustee Jim W is willing to contribute some money for a hotdog lunch. Ideas include hot dogs lunches, freezines, seasonal cookies
 - d. Event committee
 - i. Weather isn't cooperating yet for family skating. Will aim for a lego night in January and skating night in February
 - e. Office request - Christmas hamper support
 - i. Paige would like some funds for 15 hampers for families. There is funds left over from last year; she would like \$1000 to top up those funds.
APPROVED
 - f. Alien In-line
 - i. Feedback from students and staff is very positive. This hit every student in the school. How feasible is it to fundraise for something like this every year? If we budget \$4000 a year for it, can we do it? In addition to supporting other requests like hamper support, school requests? Can we feasibly raise \$5000 to \$7000 a year?
 - ii. Send a survey home towards the end of the year to see what families want/are willing to support

8. **Reports and Updates:**

- A. Trustee Liaison - Jim Watters
 - a. Jim came to meeting, introduced himself and his commitment to our school
- B. Admin Report - Kevin Robertson /Sean Grainger
 - JW School Results Report
 - Results report for last school year; results are from parent, student and staff surveys. Lots of positives, and some areas to focus.
 - Lots has been happening around the school; Students did a great Remembrance Day Assembly, choir and kindergarten went to Festival of Trees. Gearing up for Parent/Teacher Interviews along with Winter Concert
- C. Fundraising Update - focus on Christmas Market; will do next fundraiser in New Year
- E. City Wide School Council Update
 - GW Smith hosted. Students recognized each month do a community walk with Administration. Breakout groups to discuss bullying - what is it, where does it happen, when does it happen, what can we do?

9. **Upcoming Events:**

- December 1 - report cards available in Powerschool
- December 7 - Parent/Teacher Interviews, no school
- December 8 - Staff Learning Day, no school
- December 15 - Hot Lunch, Boston Pizza
- December 19 - Christmas Market
- December 21 - Christmas Concert
- December 22 - 1 hour early dismissal, start of Christmas break
- January 8 - Back to school
- January 19 - Staff Learning Day, no school

10. **Next Meeting:** January 24 3:20 pm