KCSC Objectives 2020-2021:

1. Increase the sense of community in and around Knoxdale
2. Fundraise to facilitate investment in the enrichment of student's experiences at Knoxdale
3. Provide guidance to the school based on community feedback

KNOXDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Hybrid Meeting Date: Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00-8:30pm
Attendees:
Call to order: 7:04

## Recap of 2023-2024 Executive

Chair
Vice-Chair
Outgoing Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator
Events Coordinator
Communications Coordinator

Emma Mohns
Liz McMenemy
Andrew Bell
Erin Morrison
Julie Paradis
Patrick Fiori
Christina Tarsky
Mary Murphy

## Open Roles

Online Fundraising Coordinator (Mabels Labels, FlipGive, etc..)
Restaurant Night Coordinator (Fall / Winter / Spring)
Movie Night Coordinator (Fall / Winter / Spring)
End of Year Picnic Coordinator

## 1) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the October 2023 minutes: Emma
Seconded: Christina
Unanimous

## 2) Reports:

## a) Principal \& Vice-Principal

- Echos the thanks on behalf of school community, bringing community together and it's great to see, having a strong council is great. Everything ran well, no hitches.
- Council events, meeting invites will be sent out after meetings.
- STAFFING: Katherine VanderPlum - ECE - left for a job in a different sector. Hired a morning ECE Sam Brahma, has fit in super well. Specialized funding for EA, term vacancy from now until June, comes to us with clinical experience outside school
setting. Good for student support. Ms. Chambers leaving for a LTO. Job competition coming up.
- FACILITIES: library, windows, path. Planning for next summer, roof on the east side of the building. Next phase of window project happening. Lockers on the old Greenbank side need to be taken out. Board will put in cubbies or hooks. Lockers are expensive. A couple stairwells need to be replaced, a significant project in a building this size. Closed over the summer.
- REMEMBRANCE DAY: this Friday will be the ceremony.
- PHOTOS: all done, food feedback. No class shot this year. There is an added cost. Not massive but worth it based on feedback. Group shots could be done in or outside. Photographer her is open.
- PD DAYS: last Friday was a pretty heavy one. Staff also trying to focus on progress reports out next week. Next one for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Not everyone will be asked to come in, as needs basis.
- MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS: parents may not know all of the day-to-day happenings. Running doc for staff to add items. Parents have access.
- KPS GOOGLE REVIEWS: Usually those who are unsatisfied leave a comment. Considering we want families to come to Knoxdale, would be great to have current parents leave a review. Anonymous or with your name, open and honest reviews are healthy.
- Ms. Ketchum's husband passed away recently. Obituary made public today.
- Question: Google review, more competition for students lately. What does more students/less students mean? Justin: there is competition because we have 4 school boards not including private. Clear guidelines around education act re: competition amongst boards. We want enrolment to be steady, fair to say for every school to be able to offer services and programming. le: staffing in Kindergarten. Not having an even \# does complicate things. We want to fill the school and maximize the space. Don't have to worry about reorg's and class sizes.
- PATH: one of our evacuation sites is the church. Not accessible. Create a service call in MyOttawa as well as contacting Councilor.
b) Teacher - Lisa Leith
- Lisa Leviton giving a presentation g. 4-6 students about Holocaust education
- Friday Remembrance Day ceremony - some soldiers attending, classes performing, GLEE club, hallway of heroes
- Laura Bell - repeating market, "garage sale" people donated old things and kids purchased them and gave them to someone.
- FAMSAC fundraiser.
- Mr. McCallum looking to do fundraiser - cutting his hair for donation. Locks of Love. One or two students win, they can actually cut his hair.
- PSN/ASD classes coffee cart. Teachers place orders each week and students deliver it, huge hit. Have also been planning a marker recycling program. You can send them to school if you want them disposed of.
- PSN class visiting woods behind the school 3 times a week, marked some specific trees and observing seasonal changes.
- Junior students exposed to a French hip hop musician in Ottawa.
- Artscape - brought up to staff, very excited to bring it back to the way it used to be. Soon there will be a dance club, performing, art will be back as well. At the January meeting some of the teachers who will be helping will explain the teachers point of view.
c) Chair
- Continue recruiting friends to take on shifts.
- Playground solutions - 4-5 years left for the back playground, will form a subcommittee.


## 3) Fundraising

a) Calendar of Events
i. October Events Recap

- October was amazing!
ii. Upcoming Event Updates
- Movie night postponed until January 19 - lots happening and we need a break. December meeting we will make a decision.
- Indigo Movie Night - Stacey Holmes


## Open Roles

Online Fundraising Coordinator -

## Restaurant Night Coordinator - Jessica

## Movie Night Coordinator - Graham?

End of Year Picnic - June 14? Christina! Exec! Ian and Jill - Green Rebel - want to help with catering.

December 20 - coincides with spirit week.

| Event | Date | Coordinator | Type |
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| Craft and Bake Sale | October 21 | Christina Tarsky |  |
| Ski and Skate Swap | October 21 | Andrew Bell |  |
| Halloween Dance | October 27 | Mary Murphy |  |
| Knoxwear Store | November | Patrick Fiori |  |
| Restaurant Night \#1 | November 6 | Jess Zurakowski |  |
| Movie Night | Postponed to January | Graham Garrett |  |
| Indigo Knoxdale Night | Late November / Early |  |  |
| December |  |  |  |
| Holiday Photo | November 25 | Christina Tarsky and |  |
| Trivia Night | January/ February ?? | Graham Garrett |  |
| Restaurant night \#2 | January 29 |  |  |
| Movie night April | January / February |  |  |
| Restaurant Night \#3 | March 8th |  |  |
| Knoxwear Store | April |  |  |
| Scholastics Book Fair | April |  |  |
| Paint Night ?? |  | Patrick Fiori |  |
| Artscape Auction | Mane |  |  |
| Merry Dairy | June |  |  |
| End of Year Picnic |  |  |  |
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b) Knoxwear Store Update

- All ready to go, messaging needs to go out. Store open until November 24th to get it in time for Christmas. Will come in the week of the 18th.

c) Lunch Options
- Lunch Lady, we will wait and see. We will have a conversation about credits.
d) Treasurer's Report
- Bank was busy! Lots of deposits. Mostly e-transfers.
- Fundraising $\$ 5,325$ from craft bake
- \$6,500 pizza
- $\$ 1,300$ dance
- $\$ 13,000$ funds in Sept/Oct.



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| FORECASTED CASH FLOW UNTIL: 30 NOVEMBER 2023 |  |  |  |
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| 6th November 2023 - Starting (Working) Balance | \$ | 43,612 | Working Balance |
| Pizza Monday - invoices for 4 weeks | -\$ | 4,707 |  |
| Class Pizza Party Prize x 3 (Bake sale) | \$ | 300.00 |  |
| Grant to Knoxdale PS | -\$ | 14,016 | * requires vote |
| Holiday Photos | \$ | 400 |  |
| Restaurant night | \$ | 500 |  |
| Grant to Pinecrest PS | -\$ | 3,504 | *requires vote |
|  | \$ | 21,984 | Estimated operating balance |
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## Votes Required:

## Grant Allocation

Info: school generated funds have to be spent within parameters for the benefit of our students. Half the grant is going towards the library, want to still include new books. Lisa does a good job with staff working on wish lists. Music equipment - ongoing request for new stuff (damaged or lost during COVID). Some presentations we want to bring in as well. Direct impact towards students' achievement and well being. January - June \$14,016 is what we're voting on. Pinecrest Grant - 20\% of our grant goes to Pinecrest, they don't have as active a parent council, don't have the ability to generate the revenue we do.

Motion to approve $\$ 14016.18$ to be granted to KPS: Andrew
Seconded: Mary
Unanimous
Motion to approve $\$ 3,504.05$ for Pinecrest: Sarah
Seconded: Christina
Unanimous
Motion to approve $\$ 500$ for photos: online vote
12 votes cast
Unanimous

## 4) Community

- N/A


## 5) Guidance and Feedback

- Re: Pizza day. We can collect funds right in the Google Form. Cost is roughly \$1/transaction.


## 6) Forward Agenda Items

- Playground Fundraising

Next meeting Dec. 4, 2023
Meeting adjourned: 8:42

