

Minutes of the Featherston Drive Public School Council September 30th

In Attendance:

- Lisa Bishop- Spencer
- Brian Chiasson
- Marlisa Tiederman
- Cindy Loehr
- Laura Campbell
- Morad Benyoucef
- Madeleine Graham

No formal agenda for this session, but election to be held
Candidates had submitted their nomination ahead of time

Slate of candidates:

Chair: Lisa Bishop-Spencer

Treasurer: Madeleine Graham

Secretary: Simona Wagner

Community partners:

Gillian Cooper (a dedicated volunteer with gardening and tree-planting initiatives from the neighbourhood)

Laura Dubois (owner of YIG Elmvale, not Council member) has offered to be a Community Partner as well, which may involve food or beverage discounts or donations from her store.

Principal's Report

The principal report was provided to the Council. It is attached

Treasurer's report:

We thank John for his commitment to council as treasurer, as his child has aged out of Featherston this year. Lisa will write a formal thank-you from the group.

Council fund to date: \$16776.52

School funds (to be used first): \$1252.11

Financial report was submitted on time for the previous year.

BBQ/Meet the Teacher:

Laura Campbell has submitted her receipts of additional expenses (given the budget of \$300 from previous school year's meeting, total expenses come in at around \$157.)

A thank you letter to the Laura's Independent Grocer at Elmvale has been sent and an invitation to the YIG manager to attend our next meeting as a Community Partner.

Special Events:

Brian to check after-hours school availability for an event in November and another in late February.

A bake sale is being recommended by Marlisa, who has seen success with these in the past.

A subcommittee for Events Planning is established, so far including: Morad, Marlisa, Laura. Other parents will be needed to help execute events such as movie night or games night, which will be organised closer to the time of the event.

Potential events proposed: hot chocolate day (in partnership with Laura's YIG?)

Pizza and games night

Pizza, PJs and movie night

Bake sale – during school hours, as soon as last week of October

(discussed in email by the Events Subcommittee)

Fundraising:

Pizza day as a fundraising initiative was discussed.

Pizza Pizza has been successful with other schools and offers group rates and 'points' that could amount to free pizza at the end of the year.

Requires a parent volunteer to help distribute – Lisa, Laura, and Morad all agree to split up this duty depending on each availability.

Marlisa agrees to see if she can find the forms that have been used previously to get families' payments a month or two ahead of time.

Discussed subsidy for families who would like to have a pizza lunch option but cannot afford.

Madeleine volunteers to help organise the payments as they are received (and deposit?).

Breakfast club/Snack:

Heavily utilised, and increasingly so post-covid. Currently over-budget but working to cut costs.

Potentially a partnership with Laura's YIG could help further cut costs.

Actions:

Brian – Look into booking dates for events in November and February

Marlisa – Look for Pizza Day order forms; email re: events

Simona – reach out to invite Gillian to be community rep.

Morad – Email re: events.

Laura – Email re: events; Thank Laura's YIG and invite to next meeting as rep; submit receipts from BBQ.

Lisa – Write thank-you to John

Future meeting dates:

Oct 20; November 17; Dec 15. (Thursdays at 6:30)