

Davison School Community Council

January 13th, 2025

In Attendance – Darla, Carma, Esther, Jill, Rena, Melissa, Kathy

Regrets – Karen

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Minutes from December 2024 adopted as presented – *Melissa/Kathy*

Agenda adopted as presented with power to amend.

Financial Report – Opening Balance -\$9378.30

Closing Balance - \$8884.73

- Cheques paid out from December have cleared. Owing at COOP \$79.96
- Cheques ordered have arrived

Principal's Report - *attached*

- 199 students including PreK
- School Skating booked Jan/Feb, note was sent home Jan 8th.
- Gr 6 Ski Trip to Asessippi booked for Feb 6
- GSSD is looking into a possible 4 day school week *see discussion in New business
- One book one school books have been ordered.

Continued Business

- Winter Wonderland Follow up – There were no student volunteers from MCS. Esther and Melissa made all the popcorn. Esther and Sean Unterschute handed out popcorn. 177 bags of popcorn made and distribute d all of them. We used 2 full jugs of popcorn, ½ jug of oil, approximately 2 cups of popcorn seasoning salt. We need more volunteers to make the popcorn as it took 5 hours to make it, or perhaps make it all in advance.
- Grinch Lunch Follow Up – December 19th – Students ate in gym in shifts (G4-6, then G1-3). It may be wise to switch students as the bigger kids eat more. All pancakes and sausages were precut by the volunteers. The BBQ worked slowly in the cold weather so it was tricky to keep up with pancake demand so we used a griddle inside as well, but everyone got pancakes. If we make some in advance to heat up it may help.
Supplies: 450 sausages were plenty and we still had lots left over. We used 1 oil, 2 bags of pancake mix, 4 bottles of ketchup (not completed used), 6 cool whips, 1 costco jug of syrup. We had lots of napkins and enough forks. We ran out of plates as many students used a second plate when they came for more. We used bowls when we ran out of plates.
Volunteers: Credit Union gave us 5 volunteers. 7 more volunteers came after the call out on facebook. Karen was able to come help out from 12-12:45. *A Board member is needed at the time of volunteer arrival to coordinate onsite. This needs to be planned better for next time we do an event like this. If board members are not available we need to rethink our events planned.

New Business

- 4 Day School Week (earliest start would be the 2026-27 school year) – GSSD would like the SCC opinion on a 4 day school week – This would not be every week but only a difference of 10 days throughout the school year. Difference between current traditional calendar and an alternate calendar would be 10 less instructional days and 20 extra minutes per day, and 10 less teacher days. There would be some cost savings to bus costs, electrical/water savings. We do share bussing with Christ the Teacher so they may have to adopt to an alternate calendar as well. Melville can't pilot this next year due to shared bussing with Christ the Teacher. Daycares could be an issue. This could help with scheduling appointments and help with absences due to sports. Our SCC thoughts: There is concern on randomness of Fridays and every Friday would be easier to schedule and to stay consistent for the parents and students. Concerns about where the 20 extra minutes will be added or taken away from. For example, do not like the idea of shortening lunch to add 20 minutes to the day, there is a preference to add the 20 minutes to the morning.
- Fundraising Mitchell's Soup – Jill reached out to them, pricewise is pretty much the same and looking at a March timeline. All in favor to do this fundraiser. Jill can get forms/letter to Darla for March 10. Forms to go out March 17th. Jill will continue date discussions and confirmation via facebook page.
- Hot Lunch – Thursday February 27th – Chicken Chef pizza – Melissa will call to get more information and a potential dessert, and possible delivery? Cheese, pepperoni, ham/pineapple options. Forms go to Darla Feb 3rd and will need to go out to families February 4th. Forms will be due back Feb 12th. We will confirm pizza hot lunch on facebook page. – also discussed hot lunch ideas re: Rail city/Jed's kitchen. Taco in a bag was decided to be possibly too messy and in need of volunteers.
- Staff Appreciation Week – Feb 10-14 – 25 staff, snack per day. **Carma motions Budget \$50 per day. Kathy seconds. All in favor.** Kathy (Monday), Melissa (Tuesday), Carma/Karen (Wednesday), Jill (Thursday), Rena/Esther (Friday).
- Fundraising Plan – Fundraise for swings is Darla's top priority at the moment. Start with small projects and then possibly add more playground equipment. Darla will look into pricing for top 3 requests of playground equipment for next meeting. Darla has already asked about security cameras and a fence. A fence is something we could potentially fundraise for. We can try to get a few fencing costs from different people to price out.
- Lice – Rena has had multiple families approach her regarding spread and health risk of continuous lice in the grade 1 classroom. Protocol is that the child is sent home and a letter goes home to parents and parents of that child along with Sask Health letter. The school needs to see live lice in order to send them home. They cannot be turned away from school. Darla has spoken to the nurse at public health and she is doing everything according to the AP. Darla can speak to Mrs. Koval to see if some things can get moved around and make more space in the classroom. Rena will take a copy of AP to show concerned parents, Esther will post lice info on facebook page. Any concerned parents are encouraged to contact Darla.

Next Meeting – February 10th, 2025 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:18pm