

WT Townshend Parent Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday November 17th, 2016

6:00 PM WTT Library

Welcome from the chairs.

In attendance: Barb Brown (principal), Carole Ann Ogilvie (Vice-Principal), Danielle Reynolds (co-chair), Pam Law (co-chair), Lindsay Harman, Danny Lee, Sharon Dunlop, Denise Linton, Summer Braunig, Ali Hasan

Barb Brown - Admin Report

Around the School

- Progress Report cycle now completed and interviews under way
- Events – amazing Remembrance Day Assembly / trips etc
- Sports – more coming!
- Staffing Update
- Safety Update – bus safety drills / playground inspection
- Learning agenda – update from our School Improvement Committee
- Bully Awareness getting better
- Field trip Update

■ Estimated Total Costs to
Parents for School Year

JK /SK Benjamin Tree Farm (Winter) Steckle Heritage Farm (Spring) Rhythmworks Assembly (THURSDAY Jan 26th :)) May/June Trip TBD	\$40 per child \$6/child + Bus (~\$8 total) \$6.50/child + Bus (~\$8.50 total) \$1/child - no bus (\$1 total) Remainder TOTAL ~\$40 per child
Grade 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutcracker - UW (Dec) • Rhythmworks Assembly (Jan) • Clay and Glass Gallery (Feb/Mar) • Steckle Heritage Farm (April/May) • Doon Heritage Village - structures (early June) 	\$8-10 \$1 \$12-15 \$12-15 \$8-10 TOTAL \$41/\$51 per child
Grade 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doon Village - Christmas • Safety Village (bus only) • Huron Natural Area (cost covered) • French presentation • June Trip • Rhythmworks assembly 	\$15/child \$6/child Free \$3/child \$18/child \$1/child TOTAL \$53/child
Grade 3 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doon Village (early settlers), • Outdoor Ed centre (aboriginal or plants), 	Approx. \$55.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Village (bicycle safety), • Clay and Glass Museum? • Scientists in the School, • end of year trip - Kiwanis Park • Rhythmworks assembly 	\$1/child
<p>Grade 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurier Game (\$1) +bus (total \$6) • RHYTHMWORKS assembly/workshops • Safety Village • RARE Conservation Area (bus only \$) • U of W for Rocks and Minerals (bus only \$) • The Museum (Egyptian/Medieval Times) • End of year TBD 	<p>\$6 \$1 \$6 \$6 \$6 \$20 \$20 Total: \$65</p>
<p>Grade 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Festival • Laurier Game (\$1) +bus (total \$6) • City Hall (bus only) • Chicopee Year End • Safety Village • Crawford Lake • RHYTHMWORKS • ESQ • Percussion Workshop <p>FUNDRAISING - FREEZIES - to be sold in Spring (April/May)</p>	<p>\$14 \$6 \$6 \$30 \$6 \$15 plus bus (\$25 total) \$1 \$5 Est Total: \$95</p>
<p>Grade 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of the year trip to Toronto (Blue Jays/Ripley's) (\$35) +bus (\$55) • Forest Festival (Life Systems) (\$6.50) • OktoberFest Inquiry (\$3 for bus) • RhythmWorks/DrumCafé/Young Musicians (\$3) • Laurier Game (\$1) +bus (total \$6) • Safety Village (3\$) • RHYTHMWORKS assembly/workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fundraising - December - Hot Chocolate Sales ○ Fundraising - February - Candy-Grams 	<p>TOTAL: 132.50 \$</p> <p>Grade 6 classes will fundraise</p>

Options for families to help pay for trips:

- Fundraisers by classroom – bake sales, crafts made by the class, hot chocolate sales, etc. Classes are already planning for same.
- Always, we will find a way that the child will still get to attend
- Grade 6 trip: installments
- School-wide fundraisers – apportionment of same
- Parent Council would like to see an annual average field trip deficit

Around the Board:

- Energy going into math development is a main focus right now
- Wellness, best practices, use of technology

Around the Province:

- No major changes

Fundraising Update

- Fundraising review from last year. Grants were received as well.
- Fundraising goals for this year – make sure people know where the fundraising is going to go towards
- Think about direct donations to the school for those who are not interested in purchasing anything. I.e) WEFI – Waterloo Education Foundation.
- Spirit Wear Orders.
- Confirm Movathon Date. FRIDAY before March Break – March 10th. This is the only one – to inform parents.

February Event Update

- Committee Volunteers request form
- First Planning meeting date – Sunday November 20 – 4 pm at Tim Horton's – Fischer-Hallman & Ottawa

School Pictures

- Received comments regarding price of packages, expediency, etc. Are there options to see what other companies offer?
- We can look into other vendors to compare – Imaging and LifeTouch as other options

Mindfulness Presentation

- Following council meeting @ 7 pm
- Thanks to Karen McIntyre for putting on a fantastic seminar!

Questions:

- Any questions or concerns

ACTIONS:

- Review Safe Caring and Inclusive School Surveys
- Danielle: To follow up with Erin Cleasby for contact information RE: fundraisers
- Barb: Talk to Ursula re new tab on Financial Excel spreadsheet for WEFI donations / grants money
- Research photo options (to be tabled in April)

Next meeting

Thursday December 15th, 2016 @ 6:30pm (quick meeting then our annual holiday social at WA!)