



DeWitt Carter Public School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 2023

**Our fundraising directly benefits our students.
Thank you for your support!**

Date: Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: DeWitt Carter Library

Balance: \$7,605.15

In Attendance:

Board Members

Dave H	<i>Principal</i>
Jennifer L	<i>Teacher Rep</i>
Melissa L	<i>Chair</i>
Victoria P*	<i>Co-Chair</i>
Jenn M	<i>Communications Manager</i>
Hope B*	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mel R	<i>Secretary</i>

Parents in Attendance

Kimberlee F
Alisha C
Miklos B
Laureen D**
Kerri H
Chris L

**New Member

*Absent

1. Welcome - Chair Melissa L

2. Administration Report - Principal David Howell

- **Extra curricular updates:**
 - Several cross country competitors achieved personal bests, 5 of 10 went on to DSBN; intermediate and junior soccer had good showings, intermediates to finals; Intermediate volleyball season starts next week; Juniors will be playing triple ball which focuses on skill development.
- **PA Day:**
 - Focused on template for class profiles, language and math curriculum. Note: Four new strands of literacy reflected as one grade with comments providing details.
 - Additions of note: Materials regarding First Nations Meti Inuit (FNMI), mental health and well-being.
- **Grades 4 and 7 - MDI Middle Years Development Survey:**
 - A letter was sent out re: student well-being questionnaire.
 - Principal Howell will facilitate the survey in small groups over Nov / Dec.
 - 45-90mins to complete; report on findings 2024.
- **Volunteers / Student Supports:**
 - We have Brock students acting as tutors in the classroom; parent volunteers read with kids; gap closing strategies in place to enhance reading ability.

3. Finance

- **\$7,605.15**
- Withdrawals for previous allocations still pending;
- \$215 raised on last popcorn day!
- More popcorn supplies will need to be purchased soon.

4. Old Business

- **Halloween Dance**
 - 300 Glow sticks / bracelets
 - 600 chocolate bars
 - Bake sale will be held near admin office
 - Parent Council and teachers will provide baked goods - mostly things kids can eat on the go
- **Parent Council Shirts**
 - Navy, Front: "PARENT COUNCIL" & Logo; Back: "Want to volunteer?? Ask me how!"

5. New Business

- We will have Milk/Popcorn Days through November/December
 - Popcorn 9am -11:30 am Nov 3, 17
 - Kinders will have their popcorn after the rush to save time
- **Events:**
 - Chocolate Bar Bingo - hold off until March
 - Nov/Dec School Fundraiser is Rocco's frozen goods.
- **Classroom Purchases:**
 - Ask teachers re: purchases again b/c of enrolment changes
- **DeWitt Basketball Jerseys:**
 - Numbers needs to be refreshed- Laureen will get quote for new vinyl #s
- **Awards:**
 - Patti Moss & Melissa Lofquist will receive Directors Recognition Award on Tuesday October 24th at DSBN Board Meeting
- **Holiday Breakfast:**
 - Need to check dates with Patti for breakfast; we may substitute another food type if Patti not available; Melissa L. Can book Santa & Mrs. Claus for the event; plans underway for a holiday concert.
- **PIC Conference:**
 - Nov 1st PIC Conference, transportation, refreshments and child care available.

Next Meeting Nov 28, 2023 @ 6pm in DeWitt Carter Library