

**Park Meadows School Council Agenda
November 20, 2018**

1. Call to Order at 6:34 p.m.
 - Additions to the agenda. Mark made an addition to upcoming events – nominate a teacher poster.
 - Errors/Omissions to the minutes of meeting – October 16, 2017. No errors or omissions.

2. Treasurers Report (including Halloween Carnival earnings) – Shane Mann
 - We paid the hot lunch invoice
 - Holly made a motion to pay back \$400 in floats to Hanlon from the Halloween Carnival. Seconded by Heather. Carried.
 - \$8417.16 in the banks
 - Upcoming invoices include upcoming hot lunch

3. Making Connections – Christine Bishoff - TABLED

4. Teacher Report – Katie van der Meer-Grade 2/3
 - Past Events
 - Month of October: After School Skating & Gymnastics equipment was a success!
 - Wednesday Oct 31: Halloween Parade in the gym!
 - Friday Nov 9: Remembrance Day Ceremony in our gym
 - Tuesday Nov 13-PL Day: Teachers signed up for a collaborative community and worked with teachers from other school to develop projects across the district or engage in personal learning.
 - Friday Nov 16: Report Cards (digital copy) available to view online
 - Monday Nov 19: Report Cards (hard copy) sent home
 - Current/Upcoming Events
 - November 19-22: Book Fair in our Learning Commons
 - Teacher Helper Board is up and running – can we ask teachers to fill these envelopes with help wanted ads. We parents are eager to help!

5. Administrator’s Report – Mark Blankenstyn & Jackie Fletcher
 - Mark’s Read-a-Loud
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Parent Teacher Interviews: Thursday Nov 22 (All day 8:30am-7:30pm)
 - Friday Nov 23: PL Day – Staff engagement day – this day involves all staff across the school which encourages them to explore their curiosities for growth. An example of this is a group of multi-grade

teachers and various staff that have come together to explore topics such as literacy or trauma informed practice.

- Saturday December 8th: Winter concert at Park Meadows Baptist Church
 - i. Students with last names A-K will perform starting at 1:00 pm (drop off at 12:30 pm)
 - ii. Students with last names L-Z will perform starting at 3:30 pm (drop off at 3:00 pm)
- Genius Hour: It's coming. 1 cycle instead of 2 this year. Cycle 1 is just after Christmas, and the other will be for 1 District, 1 Book. The purpose of genius is to encourage children to explore different interests as well as encourage teachers to bring different ideas into the school
- Nominate an Exception educator – Mark presented a poster that was circulated – categories for nomination include: teaching excellence, Teaching excellence in science, tech, engineering and math and excellence in early childhood education. Nomination deadline is January 14, 2019. Website is Canada.ca/pm-awards
- Our budget - Mark presented Park Meadows budget – highlights – 95% is dedicated to staff salaries, 5% to operations including items such as photocopying, consulting, repairs, extra curricular, suppliers, etc.
- 3-Year Education Plan: We want your input. Highlighters and sticky note activity (15 minutes)
- Becoming a society? – this could be a benefit to form a separate society from the council:
 - Fundraising – we struggle to take this to the next because the school is not allowed to hold funds
 - Council focuses on the educational part, Society focuses on the fund development part.
 - Bring thoughts about society status to January meeting where we will discuss this further

6. District School Council Representative – Pauline Hall

- Discussed Hot Lunch – some schools do hot lunches and some don't which means that hot lunches do not fall under the healthy school guidelines
- K-4 curriculum is coming in. 11-12 is coming in 2020.
- Subcommittees are just starting to meet
- First Monday of the month they are putting on a parent learning information session. You can get information from the district website. These are open to attend.

7. Parent Council

- Halloween Carnival - The carnival went well and earned the \$3000 match from Scotia. The carnival was a success. The kids loved it and overall feedback was great. Feedback from parent council about how it went, if all liked the setup, any feedback anyone else has heard?
 - i. Entry line moved quickly but there was a significant line up at the prize draw – maybe we can move prize draws to the back of the gym.
 - ii. Some unclaimed prize draws – may want to look at “you have to be there to win model”. Would have to move prize draws earlier in the night.
 - iii. Ideas with prizes that were unclaimed – gymnastics prize – donate to angel tree. Marylou made a motion to donate the westwinds gift certificate to angel tree. Phi seconded. Carried. Brett Kissel tickets – could we donate to the staff. Yumi made a motion to donate the tickets to the school for a teacher draw. Lisa seconded. Carried. Winners: 1. Shelley Duda, 2. Deb Stankieviech. Caylee made a motion to save all other unclaimed prizes for future events. Hope seconded. Carried. Shane made a motion to use the gaming chair as a prize for the dance-a-thon. Jenn seconded. Carried.
 - iv. Thank You Cards. We should send these out to the businesses who have donated prizes. Volunteers to fill out cards? Caylee, Hope, Jo-Lynn & Heather volunteer. Holly/ Alyssa to follow up with Juile is we have any playground thank you cards left.
 - v. Cheque presentation from Scotia Wealth to come at an assembly – next major assembly is December 6th.
- Dance A Thon – February 14, 2019
 - i. Theme: Valentine’s Day. Any suggestions/input/ideas for decorations/etc?
 - ii. Sounds Unlimited: Hall Dental sponsorship – Yes. Holly will call Sounds Unlimited and connect them to Pauline.
- Shane made a motion for parent council to help with the \$450 cost for the church for the Christmas concert. Pauline seconded. Discussion – does this align with the purpose of parent council. Holly stands as opposed. Motion carried.
- Mark is looking for volunteers to clean out the garden beds at the school. Can anyone help? Mark to follow up with Maureen (Lady Bug Arborist) to see if she can help or provide recommendations.
- Election for Chair position – Marylou has let her name stand as Chairperson. All in favour. Carried.

8. Next Meeting
 - December 18, 2018 at Holly's House (18 Lynx Place) bring appetizers
9. Alyssa made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.