Parent Council Meeting Minutes- November 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Mrs. Clarkson reviewed the principal’s report- happenings at Crystal Park over the last moth:

* The 7 sacred teachings are a continuous focus for the students and staff at Crystal Park
* Student of the week is still happening-
* We had a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly- all classes were able to watch the presentation at the same time. We had participation form various classes with poems and artwork.
* Mr. Hetland touched on sports and gave an update on the volleyball season, triple ball and spoke about the upcoming basketball season.

Trustee Report:

Andre Ouellette is our board trustee. He is currently in Edmonton for the public-school trustee meeting. He joined us for the meeting.

He reported that a notion was passed by the school board that all employees of GPPSD will need to be vaccinated.

Our board added 3 new trustees this year.

3. Purdy’s Update: CP is participating in a Purdy’s fundraiser. Orders will be open until the end of the month. All orders are to be placed online. The school is considering purchasing flexible seating from the funds raised.

4. Future Fundraiser for Parent Council

* Council inquired about fundraising. You can choose any type of fundraising as along as the purpose for the fund raising is clear. They will be looking at possible fundraising in the future.

5. Christmas Activities for the School-

* There is no Christmas/Holiday Concert this year. The school is planning some fun and festive activities to help make the season fun for the kids.
* Treats for classes can be brought in as long as they are prepackaged and individually wrapped.

6. Parent Council on Facebook: a question was raised about if the school can send out a mass email letting parents know about the parent council Facebook page. Mrs. Clarkson doesn’t think this form of publication is possible.

7. Bank Account: The previous parent council bank account at the ATB is now closed. All money generated from parent council will now go through an account through the school.

8. Grade 1 classroom questions: A few parents raised some concerns about the level of support in the grade 1 classroom. Mrs. Clarkson suggested that any parent with concerns please contact her directly so that their concerns may be addressed. School council meetings are not the platform to have these types of conversation. Mrs. Clarkson reiterated that parents should make an appointment to speak to her individually.

A question was asked about funding of EA’s and one on one EA support for kids. Mrs. Clarkson clarified how the funding formula works and how students do not receive one to one support. Many EA’s are classroom supports.

Parents raised the question about volunteering. Having parent volunteer at this time is not possible due to Covid restrictions.

9. Mrs. Clarkson will send out information regarding the School Council Engagement Opportunity Nov 27 from 1-4pm.

Old Business:

Halloween was a success- kids appreciated the candy from parent council. Everyone had fun!

Next meeting will be on December 15th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm