

TMSPA Meeting Minutes

Feb 29, 2024

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Templeton Library

1. Agenda Items

- Upcoming Events
 - Review of Previous Events
 - Field Trip Planning
 - Financial Update
 - Fundraising Strategies
 - Organizational Roles and Volunteer Recruitment
 - Other Business (Accessibility Lifts, SSA/EA Reduction, VSB Projections)
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2. Key Discussion Points

Upcoming Events:

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Planned after Easter with students finding paper eggs to exchange for chocolate or candy prizes.
- **Chess Tournament:** Scheduled for April or May.
- **Mini Olympics:** To be held towards the end of the school year.
- **Year-End Celebration:** Set for June 6, 2024.

Review of Previous Events:

- **Winter Celebration:** Generally successful, but noted a need for better organization of donations for pizza and drinks.

Field Trip Planning:

- **Banff, Calgary, Drumheller Trip:** Scheduled for May 6-10, 2024, pending approval. Targeted at Grade 9 and 11 students due to the need to fill the bus for affordability.

Financial Update:

- **Treasury Balance:** \$3,523.21.

- **Recent Expenses:** \$831.60 for pizza fundraising. Additional funds raised but not yet recorded.
- **Donation Drive:** No funds received so far. Plan to create a webpage for online donations and provide more information on CAN drive.

Fundraising Strategies:

- **Bottle Drive:** Ongoing, with a plan to increase awareness and participation. Details on how to participate will be included in future emails.
- **Donation Requests:** Discussions around materializing specific goals for fundraising, such as acquiring laptops or other tangible items that benefit the students.

Organizational Roles and Volunteer Recruitment:

- **Communication & Social Media Management:** Need for someone to manage the TMSPA Facebook page and improve communication. Discussion on the challenges of maintaining roles and recruiting volunteers.

Other Business:

- **Accessibility Lifts:** Installation scheduled during spring break. There was a discussion about the availability of a wheelchair for students with temporary mobility issues.
- **SSA/EA Reduction:** Concerns raised about the drastic reduction in Special Support Assistants (SSAs) and Educational Assistants (EAs) across the Vancouver School Board (VSB), and the impact on students with special needs.
- **VSB Projections:** Discussion on the discrepancy between VSB's student population projections and the actual increase in student numbers, with concerns about potential impacts on school resources.

3. Action Items

- **Easter Egg Hunt Preparation:** Finalize details and coordinate with student council.
- **Banff Trip Approval:** Follow up on the approval status and plan logistics for the trip.
- **Financial Transparency:** Update on donation drives and fundraising efforts; improve communication about goals.
- **Bottle Drive Promotion:** Prepare an email blast with detailed instructions on participating in the bottle drive.
- **Volunteer Recruitment:** Actively seek volunteers to fill the needed roles, particularly for communication and event organization.
- **Accessibility Lift Usage:** Confirm details on the wheelchair availability and communicate this to the concerned parent.
- **SSA/EA Advocacy:** Support PAC's initiative to raise awareness and advocate for more SSAs/EAs at the school.
- **Combined PAC & TMSPA Meeting:** Consider organizing joint meetings to align on common goals and challenges.

4. Next Meeting

Date: May 29, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a reminder to follow up on key action items and the upcoming meeting schedule.

These minutes are prepared to provide a clear summary of the discussions and decisions made during the TMSPA meeting. Please review and submit any corrections or additions to tempminiparents@gmail.com