TMSPA Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Templeton Library

Attendees:

- YJ
- Christina
- Andrew
- Zoe
- Emily
- [Additional attendees]

Agenda:

- 1. Headteacher Announcements
- 2. Review of Recent Field Trips
- 3. Fundraising Initiatives
- 4. Accessibility Issues
- 5. PAC Collaboration
- 6. Other Business

1. Headteacher Announcements:

- Year-End Celebration: Christina announced the upcoming year-end celebration on Thursday. Preparations are underway, including organizing class acts and a special event with the grade 12s.
- Field Trips:
 - **Drumheller Trip:** The trip was a success, with positive feedback from students. Discussions are ongoing about the possibility of conducting the trip earlier in the school year or continuing the current schedule.
 - **Future Trips:** Christina mentioned challenges regarding the costs and logistics of field trips, including the possibility of needing additional buses for future trips.

2. Review of Recent Field Trips:

- Drumheller:

- Andrew shared updates, noting regular photo updates and a positive overall experience.
- Christina and the group discussed the logistics of future trips, including whether to move trips to September or continue in the spring.

3. Fundraising Initiatives:

Fundraising for Field Trips:

- Christina highlighted the challenges of covering costs for students who cannot afford trips. The possibility of fundraising specifically to cover these costs was discussed.
- Andrew suggested exploring PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) funds for field trips, noting that other programs receive funding for similar activities.
- Gaming Funds: The group discussed the possibility of using gaming funds for field trips, though Christina noted restrictions on using these funds exclusively for mini-school activities.

4. Accessibility Issues:

- Wheelchair Accessibility:

 Zoe updated the group on a parent's initiative to improve accessibility for students on crutches, particularly regarding the new lift at the school. The Variety Club may be interested in contributing to this effort.

5. PAC Collaboration:

- Mini School Funding:

- Andrew noted that the PAC has not received funding requests from the mini school in several years and encouraged the group to consider making such requests.
- Fundraising Drives: The group discussed potential fundraising activities, including a bottle drive and the possibility of coordinating efforts with other school programs.

6. Other Business:

- New Principal Announcement:

- Christina informed the group that the current principal, Raz, is leaving, and Adam from Vantech will be the new principal.

Next Meeting:

- A planning meeting was scheduled for September 4th to discuss and organize fundraising and other initiatives for the upcoming school year.

Action Items:

- **Andrew:** To consult with PAC treasurer Cedric about the possibility of using PAC funds for field trips.
- Christina: To follow up on accessibility issues with the Variety Club.
- **Zoe and YJ:** To organize a fundraising drive and coordinate with the PAC and other school programs.
- All Members: To prepare for the next meeting on September 4th.

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