

Thorncliffe School Council Meeting

September 19, 2024, 7:00pm

Attendees: Michelle W., Amanda B., Rachel B., Ayman E.M., Martina J.C., Anna M., Aimey S., Amanda M., Paula M., Sandra W.

Call to Order: 7:07

Principal's Report

- Current enrolment is 280 students
- Split classes allow us to balance class sizes
- Upcoming events
 - Terry Fox Run - Sept 20th
 - Orange Shirt Day - Sept 26th
 - Photo Day - Oct 3th
 - Swimming field trips in October and November – for all grades 1 through 6

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance = \$2793
- This is an average amount, funds fluctuate month to month as we fundraise and spend

CBE Connections

- Available on school website, look for CBE Connections
- August Topics include – Calgary water main repair; cellphone policy; volunteer fee is now covered, need to follow the CBE's process; CBE is recruiting for Lunch Supervisors

Old Business

- Fundraisers
 - School Logo Fundraiser – planning to run in the next few weeks
 - Purdy's – starting November 8-24th, delivery Dec 6th
 - Growing Smiles – planning to run in the spring
 - Bake Sales – possibly will run two during the year
 - Health Hunger - usually raises \$100-\$175 each
 - Felicia will look into possible Halloween fundraiser
- Grade 6 gifts

- Will do hoodies and present earlier in the year; could possibly give at Grade 6 assembly in November 27
- 34 students currently;
- Motion to approve \$1500 – motioned by Felicia/seconded by Lucy - approved
- Translation of meeting minutes
 - Adania will do Spanish
 - If parents are willing to do additional translations for us please reach out to thorncliffesc@gmail.com
- Update on Before and After Care
 - Program is accommodating to school's needs, working well
 - Feedback from parents is that kids are happy with the program
 - Space is available! Contact program for more info
- Engagement Survey – Lucy will resend the engagement survey for council exec to review, will consider sending out via social media instead
- Fun Lunches – plan to run 2 per month

New Business

- Council Info/Review of Council Positions
 - Council – is a way for parents and school to work together to support and enrich student experience; every parent and guardian is a member of the council automatically; Fundraising is used for specific items that do not support learning directly but enhance the school community (Pizza Lunch, Pancake Breakfast, coffee/tea for teachers, Grade 6 gifts, etc.)
 - Meet once per month
 - All School Council positions will be elected at the AGM next month (position descriptions to be posted on school website at <https://thorncliffe.cbe.ab.ca/school-council>):
 - Current Chair and Secretary will be leaving Thorncliffe school after this year. This is a great time for a new Chair and Secretary to take these positions with support and training.
 - **Chair** – prepare agenda, chair the meeting, working with admin –
 - **Vice Chair or Co-chair** – supports the chair
 - **Secretary** – take meeting minutes, send out after the meeting

- **Treasurer** – tracks the inflow/outflow of our bank accounts, writes cheques and deposits, reports monthly at the meeting
- **Fundraisers** – organize the fundraisers, research new opportunities, keep them running smoothly
- **Fun Lunch organizer** – organizes the fun lunches
- **Social Media** – communicate info with parents/guardians, post events, calls for volunteers, etc.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – send out emails and organize the volunteers for any event
- **Key Communique/CBE Connections** – review the monthly newsletter and present highlights at the meeting
- Coffee/Tea for Teachers
 - Motion for \$400 – motioned by Amanda B./seconded by Lucy - approved
- Meeting dates moving forward
 - 2nd Thursday of every month at 6pm

Close: 8:16pm