**LDSS Parent Council Mtg - Nov 16th 6:00 pm**

**Attendance:** (12 people in total) - Christine Calder, Bonnie DesJardins, David Kim, Laura Vermeer, Bonnie Carnegie-Policella, Ann Unger, Leona and John Knelsen, Lisa Jeffery, Rachel Albrecht, Ellena Houston, and Edith Sawatzky

**Welcome**

**Items for New Business**

Parent Pro Grant $1000 (due date application extended to Dec 15)

Another $500 grant available with fewer regulations and stipulations

 - Points to Consider:

- How do we get parents involved in coming out? (Last year had 5 people attend, and this year parent teacher night wasn’t well attended either)

- Choose something where kids are involved?

- Currently have 200 students in ESP (20% of student body)

- Suggestions:

- Monday, April 8th solar eclipse - order glasses (Laura looking into pricing, options), have booths around with info, partner with eco club for partial last period assembly, estimated time of eclipse 2:00 pm - 4:30, parents invited

- Multi Cultural night - the multi-cultural club will be planning something similar at a later date

- Bring in guest speakers/info booths about services and opportunities available for students (ex. Leamington transit, EDSBY training, Gleaners, library, Kumon, etc) however this is something that could easily be a ‘tag on’ addition to other parent or info nights for free

- Put money towards semi-formal (decorations, etc)

**Ms. DesJardins’ Principal’s Report**

- Congrats to our senior boys on their way to OSWA

- OSSLT - literacy requirement for graduation takes place end of November

- Semi formal has sold out of all 300 tickets

- Night of Excellence takes place Nov 22 for any student who made honour roll. Any parents able to help set up and decorate would be greatly appreciated. Christine will offer congratulations on behalf of parent council

- Roaring Lions - students nominated by staff for doing good things around the school have lunch bought for them and eat with the principal.

**Mrs. Jeffery’s Staff Report**

- IB info night for parents and students taking place Wed Nov. 29th

- IB application deadline of Dec 15 - last year an entire class of students were too late to enroll

- Former IB students come to share experiences with our current IB students

- CORE report coming out for parents of grades 11 and 12 students

**David Kim’s Student President Report**

- Student council aims to involve students as much as possible and building school spirit

- Worked at setting up and hosting the Sept assembly as well as grade 9 orientation week

- Oct saw a Halloween spirit week

- Nov will have a shorter spirit week to accompany semi-formal

- Dec ideas for a spirit week include a day of fun for the last day of school with games and pancake breakfast

- Seniors participate in traditional can drive competition to donate to the Good Fellows this holiday Dec. 8th – not a school event – parents/guardians must call in their student’s absence

- student applied for a $3500 school heath grant to aid with nutrition, mental health focus - goal to find guest speakers, provide exam self-care packets to combat stress

- LDSS has an ongoing partnership with KDHS with the Relay for Life

- Plans for anti-bullying week includes leaving kind post it notes around the school, wearing pink, etc.

- Seniors sunrise event was a success

**General Info**

- World Kindness Day was celebrated with each school showing kindness to a randomly assigned school. This year Queen Elizabeth gave our school candy, cards and a poster. We in turn brought students at East Mersea timbits, books marks and LDSS swag for staff.

- Information was shared with parent council to better learn of school events, activities and initiatives through School Talk

- Point shared that EDSBY ‘how to’ instructions are only available in English

- Our school band and tech class float will be in the local Christmas parades this year, Leamington on Nov 25th and Wheatley on Dec 2

- School will participate in a Toys 4 Tots Fundraiser competition to collect new toys for the holiday season. A pizza party will be rewarded for the first period class that brings in the most toys

- Business Leadership class is looking at social responsibility and every week a group from the class will do something to raise money and awareness for a certain group, cause or need. Today there was a pizza fundraiser for the bridge. Pizza sold out and $200 and counting will be donated to The Bridge.

- David did a workshop at The Bridge on financial management and received great feedback.

- Ms. DesJardins attended a Principals Conference and is looking at possibly getting LDSS involved in an initiative to make tiny houses for the homeless in conjunction with the City of Windsor

- Police presence was enlisted to help with parking and pick up issues to ensure student safety

- Tuesdays after school LDSS students can go over to the Gleaners to volunteer.

- We received another $2000 for our Nutrition program

- March 6th is the next parent teacher interview night. We will explore possibilities of having info booths for various groups, such as parent council, transit, Kumon, etc

- Our next meeting date is **Thursday, Feb 15th @ 6:00**

- We will continue to keep in touch re grant possibilities

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