# October 2 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 6 – 8pm in the basement of Two Headed Dog.

##  Attendance

* Jen, Brendyn, Paula R., Charlie, Mike, Natalie, Tawnya, Rhonda, Melanie, Candice, Wendy

## Decisions

* Fall Dance-a-thon – Nov 6 – **FUNDS ALLOCATED TO NUTRITION**
	+ **Vote held**
	+ **LEAD:** Kathleen
	+ Discussion of reducing this to ONE per year, decision made to leave it with two as this is also the administrations preference.
* Movie Nights – increased to FOUR this year – **FUNDS FROM FIRST ONE ALLOCATED TO NUTRITION**
	+ **Vote held.**
	+ **LEADS:** Charlie and Lindsey
	+ Confirmed Nov 1 as #1 – Toy Story 4.
	+ Remaining movie night dates: Jan24, March 27, and May 1.
* Winter Bake Sale
	+ No vote on fund allocation
	+ **LEADS:** Natalie,Paula, and Wendy. Rhonda taking lead on creating gift baskets similar to last year.
	+ Melanie and Kristen will bake.
	+ Whole items, not just individualized portions ideal due to its proximity to Holidays.
	+ Screen printing of t-shirts in the LITTLE sizes for the JKs also to be sold during bake sales.
* Lost and Found
	+ **LEAD:** Wendy
	+ Will establish schedule for how often to go through it. Ideally weekly, but needs to happen at least a few times per year.
	+ All items not retrieved will either be added to Roden Clothing Bank OR Donated.
* Parent Social
	+ **LEADS:** Mike and Rhonda
	+ Discussion if instead of doing a single event, start a “Parent Social Club” that meets monthly at a local business.
* Traffic
	+ **LEAD:** Tawnya
	+ Working with Paula Fletcher’s office to have a traffic assessment done of the neighbourhood.
	+ Handout sent to Equinox and to be sent to Roden this week of traffic safety tips for cars, walking, etc.
	+ Still having an issue with cars making a Left onto Ashdale during the NO LEFT timeframe, cars parking on side walks, cars stopping in the middle of the road to drop off students, cars doing 3 point turns on Fairford.
	+ 55 division has been out ticketing people making the illegal left onto Rhodes.

## Finances

* Curriculum Night Bake sale (Sept 19) raised $700. **FUNDS ALLOCATED TO NUTRITION.**
* **$11,000 in PACE or School Cash Online - this should all be allocated**
	+ $7000 from Fun Fair – ALLOCATED TO STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math
	+ Need to consider if we should be saving money for future years. Generally council always carry $3000 over to the next year as cashflow.
* Nitwits are NOT requiring funding for this year. It was covered by public health and parent volunteer.

## General Business – BIG ASK

* Five items have emerged as the potential big ask for this year. Discussion around merits of each was discussed.
* **OPTION 1:** Nutrition Program – specifically breakfast and snack program.
	+ NOTE: school council funds towards hot lunch not required this year. It’s self-sustaining with staff being hired to support it.
		- Snack and Breakfast programs have a SHORTFALL of $6000 this year due to a decrease in provincial funding.
* **OPTION 2:** Music program needs and the desire that if this were to be the big ask, we’d be donating to enhance the music foundation at Roden. Looking to have an impact across all students.
	+ Brought forth by Cathy at the previous meeting
	+ List of specifics still being produced by the Music teacher.
	+ Roden already has a foundation in music within the school so funding it will help to strengthen and develop a program already established.
	+ Investigation to be done into the **Telus Community Grants –** as a way to make music accessible to everyone. Year round application process. Potential grant value of up to $20,000. - NOT ASSIGNED TO ANYONE SPECIFICALLY FOR FOLLOW UP
* **OPTION 3:** Outdoor school sign (similar to other schools).
	+ Budget estimated at $20,000 to purchase and installation.
	+ Potential to set this as a long term council objective with funds collected over a few years due to the large capital expense this is.
* **OPTION 4:** Water Refill Stations. $2800.
	+ Chris investigated and received estimate that a single station with water bottle refill and filter was $2800. This included TDSB labour for installation.
	+ Might be good to have a physical object to point to as being provided through school council funding.
	+ School has applied for Eco-School grant each year for this to be installed without success.
	+ If council to move forward there is a ONE YEAR wait list before this would be installed in the school.
* **OPTION 5:** Allocation to teacher’s for their classrooms to spend independently.
	+ Raised as a suggestion in the survey.
	+ Done by previous councils, but hard to report back on HOW the money was spend. Knowing HOW the money is spent was a higher priority for parents based on survey answers.
	+ We need to work with office staff to allocate funds to each teacher and then determine what they were spent on.
* School Statement of Needs – still needs to be reviewed.
	+ Likely to be reviewed more thoroughly this year with Chris retiring, as part of VP replacement.
* Teacher Input – how do we improve communication with teachers to collect their insights on WHERE funds should be allocated.
	+ Need to put together questions to ask teachers, not necessarily through an online survey, could be show of hands during staff meeting.

## Follow Ups

* **JEN:** confirm that Kathleen is still keen to lead Fall dance-a-thon
* **CHARLIE:** to confirm new movie night dates with Cathy
* **JEN:** to confirm **Jodi Wheeler** can print out new shirts for this year using the existing screens that were purchased last year.
* **JEN:** to follow up with Cathy to get list of specifics and potentially the spend requested for the music program.
* **JEN:** to follow up with Cathy to ask to put a hold on sending out the snack program envelopes to parents in order to not dilute the messaging around the dance-a-thon and movie nights being fundraising for the snack program. Potential to follow up with an envelope ask after these events.
* **JEN**: to find out if council could have a representative at the teacher staff meetings to bring up any funding or issues. Specifically need to put
* **UNASSIGNED:** to put together first pass of the question/answers for teacher input for where to allocate funds.
* **JEN:** follow up to see if **Elizabeth Ruth** may be willing to review the school statement of needs. Ask if she’d review it for this year and reach out to **Melanie** about the new special needs programming happening in the TDSB.
* **KRISTEN**: to email out the survey to all school council along with meeting minutes.
* **KRISTEN**: to put up the posters in the school during pick up/drop off. Wendy to provide backup.
* **JEN**: to provide guidelines for WHERE to post the posters in the school to both Kristen and Wendy.
* **CANDICE**: to take on writing the newsletter.
* **JEN**: to send Gavin’s contact information to Candice to send the newsletter copy for distribution.