

Budget Committee meeting
November 14th – 6:30pm start

All Members Present - Ingrid Agar, Zii Muvuti, Paul Mills, Jonathon Grant and Rebecca Hummel

Rebecca Hummel chosen to chair the committee – no objections noted

Total estimated budget for the year expected to be \$20,000 from Hot Lunch + \$10,000 from miscellaneous fundraising = total anticipated to be \$30,000

Areas for the money to be spent on was discussed as follows:

Ongoing items expected for each year included:

- Forest of Reading program @ a cost of \$1,500
- Grade 8 Graduation @ a cost of \$1,000

Projects normally sponsored by Council – technology updates @ a cost of \$10,000

School funded vs. School Council funded projects were discussed. It was noted that any facility based updates, textbooks, basic core items are fully funded by the School's budget provided each year. School Council once voted upon can typically support anything else.

It was noted that I. Agar had prepared a “wish list” of items based on her discussions with school staff. These included (with estimated costs):

- **School Profile/Foyer update - \$5,000**
- Automated External Defibrillator - \$1,300
- **Shed for outdoor storage - \$10,000**
- Kindergarten play equipment - \$1,500
- Lights for gym - \$25,000
- Shelving for library - \$17,000
- Technology i.e. Chromebooks, iPads, desktops - \$3,000
- Gym mats - \$5,000
- Student whiteboard minis - \$63 per 12 boards (# required to be determined)
- **Tables - \$100 each** – already ordered for Holiday Market
- Instrument repairs - \$7,300 (waiting on grant responses)
- Great Assembly Banners
- **Long Jump Pit**
- Volleyball posts/equipment – approx. \$1,500
- Badminton rackets
- Popcorn maker - \$300

(Items highlighted in yellow are ones that the School would have to pay for)

Grants were identified as ways to help increase upgrades – music department has already applied to a few, to look into OPHEA grant (by budget committee) and ITC from Board grant already to be paid towards technology purchases (with difference being paid by School).

Discussion was had re: update on possible security cameras for school – deemed these would be part of the School Board requested/required updates and not something the school or Council could put forth as an update.

Idea for budget committee members to reach out to community members/businesses for possible sponsorship/donations was discussed and agreed upon.

- Update – I. Agar spoke with a local doctor who said he would contribute towards AED

Wish list of updates was discussed in terms of timing of needs, the current fundraising being done, etc and was determined that the following would be the priority with additional items to be chosen as the school year goes on:

1. AED to be purchased via funds raised from Holiday Market with any donations added from community (and topped off from carryforward amounts from prior year)
2. Volleyball equipment to be purchased via funds raised from the volleyball tournament and topped up from Hot Lunch proceeds from September/October deposits
3. Popcorn maker to be purchased using funds from prior year / Hot Lunch proceeds from Sept/Oct

It was noted that upon update at the next school council meeting, Rebecca Hummel would present the above update as well as put forth motion to finalize the above items to be purchased.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm with notes to be drafted by Rebecca Hummel and supported by Zii Muvuti for any items missed.