

Dalhousie School Council

School Update

December 6, 2023

Call to order 6:30pm

Adopt Agenda Amanda and Lindsay

Adopt the Minutes Amanda and Lindsay

School Improvement Results Reporting & School Development Planning

Overview of our results from last year (see presentation)

Dalhousie School Open House 2024

January 18 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm)

Recent Events at Dalhousie

Grade 3- Visit to Fort Calgary

Grade 2 –Teacher's Pet in-school visit for Science (light and sound)

Grade 4-5 Skiing at Winsport

Dalhousie Happenings and Events

December 8: Non-Instruction Day

December 22: Last day of classes

January 8: Classe Resume

January 15: Non-Instruction Day

January 30: Report Card

February 6: Next School Council Meeting

Question – For the 22nd, are parents invited?

Answer – No, it is just for students.

Question – Prior to Covid parents could attend.

Answer – Next year there may be a concert where parents can attend.

Answer – On the 22nd it will be linked culturally, Spanish carolling.

Question – Is there a performance in January?

Answer – There will be a performance in the Spring that parents can attend.

Question – Why is the Christmas concert cancelled?

Answer – I was expecting one, the music teacher said that this year one was not planned.

Question – Previously there was 80/20 Spanish. There doesn't seem to be a variety in songs through the grades. Could there be English and Spanish songs?

Answer – I will bring this up.

Adjournment 6:49pm

Next meeting February 7 6:30pm

Dalhousie Parent Society Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023

Call to order 6:49pm

Adopt Agenda Melissa and Jackie

Adopt Previous Minutes Melissa and Jackie

Co Chair Report

We would like to formally introduce Sebastian to our School – sorry you ran away too quickly last meeting for us to get a chance to do so! We are really hoping 3rd time is a charm and that we get to welcome you permanently to our School!

In November, we drew for our winner of our Fall Rafflebox 50/50 for the Playground. This Raised \$7150!! Our winner won \$3575 and donated \$500 directly to our Parks Foundation Account. With fees paid and winner paid – our profits were \$2788.66 (From the Raffle itself but with the donation \$3288.66!!)

Mom's Pantry, Growing Smiles and Purdy's all were fantastic fundraisers! Purdy's was the highest in sales yet! We want to thank Lacey and her army for really working hard to get all 3 of the fundraisers all handed out on the same day! Don't worry if you didn't pick up your Purdy's yet – there will be a team handing the remaining orders out on the Original date of Dec 11th from 3-5pm at the main doors.

The Playground Team ordered the Playground Equipment – the deposit for this is 40% of the overall cost but we are thankful we were able to order this prior to the newest price increase. The team is hard at sending out grant requests and we are so incredibly lucky to have this team working round the clock for these grants!

Treasury

Casino account is currently sitting at: \$209,055.59.

There will however be \$182,029.09 that will come out of this account in the next weeks due to placing a deposit down for our park.

Once this comes out the account will be left with \$27,026.50.

We earned \$1.72 in interest this month.

Operating account is Currently at: \$32,205.35

We earned \$0.22 in interest this month.

Added \$66.03 for ongoing Mables labels fundraiser, HH added 1,528.93 so far for this month, school sweaters added about \$300 or so this is ongoing.

We also completed out 50/50 we after fees etc. we added \$2788.66.

Fundraising

It's been a really great fundraising season. Thank you to all of our dalhousie families who have supported all three of these fundraisers, Purdys, chocolates, growing smiles, and mom's Pantry [Yesterday](#) we distributed almost all of the fundraisers, and it was overwhelming with all of the support we received from our families. It was very exciting to be able to participate in handing out all of various products. And it was a great way to finish up the year of 2023. We are looking forward to other fundraisers in the new year.

Playground

Exciting news! The order for the playground is now confirmed, and we've taken the necessary step of issuing the deposit cheque. Nothing can hold us back now! Our school is well on its way to welcoming a new playground by next year. Although our position on the construction list is currently 8th, the prospect of warm weather works in our favor, considering the initial schedule for April or [May 2024](#) remains feasible.

As of now, our confirmed funding stands at \$278,152. With pending funding factored in, our total reaches \$409,000, leaving us approximately \$68,000 away from reaching our goal. Despite facing some challenges in securing grants, the committee has been diligently engaged in grant writing throughout the past month. While we may not have been fortunate recipients of several available grants, our partnership with Park's n Play Design, the playground provider, comes with additional support. They have connected us with experienced grant writers, and we've already initiated the planning process set to unfold in January.

If your company offers a donation matching program, we kindly urge you to contemplate supporting us as we approach the final stretch of our fundraising efforts. Your contribution through a matching program could significantly boost our progress towards reaching the finish line.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at dalhousie.playground@gmail.com.

Fun Lunch

In November we made \$1435.98. The final few orders before Christmas are Fat Burger on Tuesday and Subway and Booster Juice on December 20. We have all of the orders posted to the end of the school year now on Healthy Hunger as well as the sign up genius. Please sign up if you have clearance.

Fiesta

Question – Could it be for Cinco de Mayo?

Answer – I had a personal conflict where the date didn't work for me. It will be a Thursday night before a PD day.

Comment – It could coincide with Que Pasa

Comment – Non instructional day on May 17.

Comment – We will get back to you on dates.

Comment – If we did Fiesta on May 17 a lot of people would not be here due to the long weekend.

Comment – April is nice too. April 18 could work.

Comment – It doesn't need to be before a PD day.

Old Business

New Business

Next meeting February 7 6:30pm

Adjournment 7:16pm