February 13, 2023 DEWBERRY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Lisa Bensmiller, Laureena Kipps, Stacy Nelson, Lindsay Carlin, Kristen Rewuski, Tamara Stachniak, Darlene Bensmiller, Darlene Goldsmith, Krystal Becker, David Bensmiller

David Bensmiller presented his trustees report. The 2023/24 school calendar has been approved. There is a decline of 119 students registered in Buffalo Trails School Division. David gave a financial report. The report can be viewed on the Buffalo Trails Public School Division website. The next board meeting is being held February 14@ 5pm in Wainwright.

David proposed a fundraising opportunity for the school. Marty McSorley (former Edmonton Oilers player) will be in Dewberry on Friday March 24, 2023. David will talk to the Marwayne Dewberry Minor Hockey Association to see if they are interested in partnering with the parent council and hosting a fundraiser.

Laureena Kipps made a motion to have hockey hooky day on Friday march 24, 2023. Stacy Nelson seconded the motion, and all voted in favour. The tentative plans for the day are to have Marty talk to the Marwayne School in the morning, Dewberry School in the afternoon, and have a charity hockey game at the arena with a silent auction at the arena as well. Once David hears back from the hockey association, a committee will be formed, and planning will start.

Stacy Nelson spoke about the hot lunch program. The budget is as follows:

Parents pay $5 per meal (exception is Boston pizza days and subway days)

School pays $3.00 per meal x 60 students = $180/ week

 X 4 times month = $720/month

 X 9 months = $6480.00 budget

SG -$2769.69

SB- $4025.00

 $6794.69

As of the end of February, we have only used $2514.00. The plan is to offer hot lunch until the end of June. Stacy passed around a list for people to help with picking up hot lunch.

School dance had 96 students attend and everyone had a great time. It has been suggested that we pick the date for the dance next year in September so that any hockey games can be scheduled and this way more kids can attend.

Community calendars have always been sold by the graduating class, but they are no longer interested in selling calendars. Kristen Rewuski made a motion that the parent council take over the community calendars as a fundraiser. Darlene Bensmiller seconded the motion, and everyone voted in favor.

Principals Report

The next fundraiser is now live. Dieleman Fundraising is all online and there is the option to have your order sent to the school for free or you can have it shipped to your home for a fee. All orders must be In by March 21,2023.

Laureena Kipps will look into some grants for the parent council to cover the cost of the Hockey Hooky Day.

Next meeting will be April 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm