



School Council Meeting Date: October 4, 2023

Members Present: M. Turner, C. Woods, J. DeSantis, S. Caetano Pavao, A. Cox Thomson, A. Barnes, R. Regan, H. Brown, B. Winter, M. Raudez, T. Amaral, E. Van Kampen, L. De Wal, J. Traux

Regrets: D. Osborne

Call to Order: Alicia COx Thomson at 6:30

Agenda Item	Notes/Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and Introductions	Voting for members Nominations: Alicia Cox Thomson - Chair Rob Regan - Chair or Vice Chair Tania Amaral - Secretary/Treasurer	
Review and Approval of Agenda		
Review and approval of previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous minutes from April. 	
HWDSB Land Acknowledgement	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity. We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.	
Old Business	Update from Home and School: now dormant -We voted to donate all of the money to the school \$12,128.44 earmarked for tech that benefits the whole school as per the city lotto office (Nevada scratch tickets). As of Oct. 2 we have purchased 20 new ipads, a colour printer, speakers, a projector and some cords and cases with this money. \$3303.84 earmarked to support the snack program and other student needs. -Funded through Taste Buds. Missed deadline for President’s Choice sponsor which	

	was significant. Teacher looking at installing a sink upstairs for food prep to add variety.	
Teacher Report	Ms Woods and Ms Desantis. -we have been selected for the Indigo books school sponsor program- information to come soon.	
Principal Report	<p>1. Reorganization details and timelines Thursday, Oct 5- transition day Friday, Oct 6- first day of new classes</p> <p>2. Meet the Staff Evening – Thursday, Oct 19 – 5-6 Confirm School Council Bake Sale</p> <p>3. School Annual Plan – 2 main priorities – wellbeing, math and reading</p> <p>4. Staff meeting – data collected on reading, math and wellbeing -Introduction of new language curriculum</p> <p>5. Public Health Nurse- Alicia -prioritizes and area of focus 1 day a week</p> <p>6. New Social Worker – Lori Robertson here on Mon/Tues</p> <p>7. Parent Teacher Interviews – November 16 pm 3:30 – 6:30, November 17 9-12 AM, 12-3 PM</p> <p>8. Reimagining Wellness 3.0 Since the pandemic, HWDSB has made student mental a priority. In our third year, this mental health initiative continues and has been revised with staff and student feedback. It contains 3 components that provide a consistent approach to the school year for both elementary and secondary. Reimagining Wellness 3.0 fosters well-being, creates community and supports each student in feeling safe, supported and included. There are three components: 1)The Top 5: first few weeks, lessons setting classroom norms, aligned with our <u>Anti-Bullying strategy</u> Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Healthy Relationships - Human Rights · Mental Health Literacy in the Classroom - Thoughts, Emotions and Actions · Introducing Bullying Prevention - Teasing, Aggression and Bullying · Collaborative Classroom Agreements · Barrier-Free Reporting - HWDSB Helps <p>2) Ongoing Wellness lessons: Many lessons dealing with Community & Team Building, Physical Activation, and Social-emotional Skill development.</p> <p>3) Mental Health Literacy (coming in October) Lesson plans and PowerPoints designed to support the development of basic mental health literacy skills</p>	

	<p>All activities linked to curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AH to receive a \$25,000 Indigo grant for our library along with a 3 week long sponsorship program at indigo. - October 20th completion date for gym (air conditioning, accessible stage, painting, windows removed, new floor) 	
Chair Report	<p>Update on Plantables -- they aren't running this year and it wasn't lucrative.</p> <p>We want to embrace some more traditional fundraising, i.e. baked goods, Mabel's Label's, etc.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Alicia to reach out to Mabel's Labels to confirm account and request free flyers.</p>
Treasurer Report	<p>We have never had a treasurer</p> <p>We begin the year with \$500 from the School Council yearly budget and \$110.10 from the Platables fundraiser making \$610.10 total.</p>	
New Business	<p>Fundraising plan - start up the end of October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pizza sales start beginning of November Ms. Nardi looking to run a Food box fundraiser to raise funds for the Kindergarten outside area but would like a couple helpers. -School Cash Online -Volunteer Policy- anyone coming into the school must have a vulnerable sector screening police check or declaration. AH has created a database of people who have this. -School/Community Messaging- Principal Turner looking at starting a monthly community newsletter. -there is also an AH website with online announcements and the old Home and School facebook page is now an AH community page. -Set meeting times for future -Nov 22, Feb 7, Apr 3, May 1 -Basement bathroom cleanliness -- students complain and some are holding it until they get home- school is aware of the problem, facing staffing shortages. -School would like to see Spirit Wear sold again. -Concern about garbage can on Springer overflowing with garbage. Request to have it emptied twice a day instead of once. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -please reach out if you would like to volunteer to help Ms Nardi -Ms. Turner to start monthly newsletter -? to reach out to Mr. O'Connell re Spirit Wear -Ms. Turner to speak with caretaking re the garbage.
School Council at the open house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School Council would like to set up a table at the upcoming Open House. -Can serve cider and provide info about the council -Would like to run a bake sale. -suggested we would need 2.5 x the amount of students (540) for the sale. 1300 items. 1.5 - 810 items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please reach out if you can volunteer at the table or by baking! -Ms. Turner to organize pizza -School to support with float

	<p>-Allison, Lauren, Heather, Tania, Emily, Brynn interested in helping to bake things. Ms. DeSantis suggests getting students to make the flyers.</p> <p>-Suggestion of also selling pizza since it will be during dinner.</p>	
Victorian Order of Nurses	-Allison in contact with the Victorian Order of Nurses who have a connection with Adelaide Hoodless the person. This group has planted trees at AH in the past and are available for more free trees and beautification.	
Next Meeting Date/Time	November 22 6:30pm, in person at AH	
Adjournment	Adjourned by Alica Cox Thomson at 7:34pm	