

## Bellmoore School Council Meeting

January 11, 2024

6:30pm

**Present:** Suzana Milinovich, Rene Contant, Raman Rakkar, Rachel Stewart, Nadira Stoddart, Julia Penman, Ami Bhensdadia, Rachel Cronsberry, Kim Puddicombe

**Regrets:** Ashley Lee, Danielle Pacey, Shane Traver, Dorothy Martin

### Principal's Report

- Bomb threat this morning at Bellmoore, one of approx. 15 schools that received one today; school was cleared by the police by 8:55am; communication sent out by the board after school (some concerns expressed about how long it took to communicate but was a result of many people in the system to be contacted)
- Parking lot: only signage we are approved for are the current bylaw signs (ie. No additional "parking lot closed" signage allowed); digital sign updated to reflect parking lot closure; staff at the entrance to discourage parents from entering
- Anti-Bullying: met with a concerned parent and it was determined that her endeavors are more of a Safe Schools initiative at the board level; new program starting with 2 students per school joining a committee for 2SLGBTQI+ members
- Positive School Culture initiative: assembly to come in early February
- Bellmoore allotted approximately \$10K in rural schools funding. Funding spend TBD by Suzana

### Teacher's Report

- See attached files

### Treasurer's Report

#### Bazaar - Nov 18/23

Table Rentals	\$	1,980.00
Silent Auction		4,187.00
Lemonade/Mystery Bags		768.30
Bake Sale		470.15
<b>Total Bazaar</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,405.45</b>

Misc C/F	\$	84.16
Misc General		1,855.05
Mabel's Labels		464.39
<b>Total Balance - Jan 10/24</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,809.05</b>

## **Fundraising Calendar**

- January Movie Night moved to February 2<sup>nd</sup> due to date conflict in Jan
- Pancakes and PJ Day February 16<sup>th</sup> (Suzana to communicate with staff not to do pancakes on the Tuesday prior)
- Ashley's cupcake class – last week of March? Leading into Easter holiday weekend (March 26<sup>th</sup>?)
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Autism Awareness: intent to make a bigger awareness impact this year. Brainstorming ideas such a possible school mural with hand prints, fundraiser to sell greeting cards make by kids on the spectrum; fundraiser already in the works with ASD classroom, possible collaboration with council and ASD classroom teacher
- May: Flower sales for Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>? Possibly with Jean's Flower Shop; Fun fair/games in conjunction with the May Open House + FunSplash fundraiser
- June: End of year Movie Night

## **Bazaar Follow Up**

- Raman to work on a "work-back" schedule to determine cut-off dates leading up to the 2024 Bazaar
- Rachel to continue to prime silent auction
- Need to secure a point-person to run the event
- Suggested to combine some baskets rather than separate baskets for every classroom
- Suzana to follow up with Fletcher Fruit Farms regarding the issue with them not attending due to insurance mix-up
- Reviewed event feedback: discussed possibility of changing to earlier in the year (Sept), earlier timing (during the school day and into evening), ultimately decided to keep as a kick-off to the holiday season/shopping (third Saturday in November) to accommodate council members and vendors' time
- Discussed a collaboration between council members and teachers on bazaar planning and execution. Decided this is ultimately a council-led event, but teachers can assist with building excitement and buzz around promotion and encouraging more families to attend; a callout can be put out if teachers want to volunteer with bazaar planning

## **Spending of Funds**

- Reviewed the Staff "Wish List" and the following were the most prominent and needed
- DPA equipment for grades K-4 – Kim to report back on approximate cost and need
- iPad keyboards for older grades – Suzana to report back on approximate cost
- Funds for the Music Department – Suzana to connect with Mrs. Ledroit to determine needs

## Teacher Report Parent Council January 2024

- Eco Team: January Mission- advertise and promote Boomerang Lunches; Thurs Feb. 1st Bellmoore students will be invited to wear sweaters to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation. The eco-team will challenge our Bellmoore Families to make a #SweaterDay pledge to #TurnDowntheHeat
- Student Voice and Leadership: Positive Culture assembly in February focusing on school mission statement (think, act and lead)
- Podcast: find new episodes on Instagram, next up Lunar New Year and Mental Health and International Women's Day
- Band: Golden Horseshoe Band competition in February at Ancaster High School
- Ready to Play: up and running, great feedback, older students wearing green vests and playing with primary kids at breaks
- Spirit Day: M&M Day (each grade wears a colour!)

FDK and ASD - red

Grade 1 - blue

Grade 2 - yellow

Grade 3 - orange

Grade 4 - green

Grade 5 - red

Grade 6 - blue

Grade 7 - yellow

Grade 8 - green

- Coding: open to grades 3 and 4, history of coding and are learning to code using different platforms and devices, such as the Ipads using Scratch Jr. and Dash/Osmo
- Robotics: grade 8 leaders organizing kits, next week grade 6-8 members join in
- Lunch Monitoring: grades 4-8 were trained and assigned to classrooms to help students during the lunch portion and getting ready to go outside, currently meeting to switch up the monitors giving others a chance.
- FDK Events: A children's librarian from the Binbrook Public Library will visit the kindergarten classes on Friday, January 12th and Monday, January 15th; A wildlife educator from Little Ray's Nature Centre will be visiting our Kindergarten classes on Friday February 2nd for an interactive "Nature's Ninjas" presentation.

## **Athletics Report**

Spirit Wear coming soon

### Senior Basketball

- 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season for both teams was Wednesday

### Junior Basketball

- Grades 5-7
- Boys tryouts have started, girls are next
- Season starts the end of March

### Hamilton Cup Indoor Soccer (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> for girls, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> for boys)

- Wentworth Sports Complex
- Tryouts later this month

### 91<sup>st</sup> Highlander Hamilton Indoor Games (Feb 29<sup>th</sup>)

- Grade 6-8 students only
- Events: 300m, 600m, 4 x 300m Relay, 4 x 600m Relay, Medley and Long Jump
- Only one school entry per event