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<b>Date</b>	February 28, 2023
<b>Start Time – End Time</b>	6:30-7:30pm
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Microsoft Teams meeting
<b>Attendees</b>	<p>Gordon Carey, Principal          Christine Sandor, Co-Chair          Andrea Gulyas, Secretary          Alyson Shields – Treasurer</p> <p><i>Parent Representatives</i>          Rebecca Antoszek          Daren Myles</p> <p><i>Teacher Representatives</i>          Beth Grosso          Renbata Gal</p>

Agenda Item	Topic	Action Items
<b>Welcome and Land Acknowledgment</b> Christine (6:33 – 6:35)		
<b>Review of Previous Minutes</b> (6:35)	- Approved	
<b>Playground Renovations Fundraising</b> 6:54	<p><b>Renovations Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting between Gord and Nate re: astroturf</li> <li>- The budget will cover 2/3 of the playground</li> <li>- If outdoor classroom is deleted, there may be a budget for more greenspace</li> <li>- North south greenspace</li> <li>- Need donations to supplement greenspace</li> <li>- On the north and south side there are trees, and the renovation team will be putting in planters running all the way across; individual planter options will be explored</li> <li>- All brand-new asphalt around portables and along the building</li> <li>- The city owns the walkway from park street to bay (parallel to</li> </ul>	



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	<p>school); there is hope that the city will contribute to the outdoor renovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Status quo fences</li> <li>- 3 Basketball nets along the north tree line</li> <li>- Multiple basket net will be fixed</li> <li>- Will look at putting in new wood chips in kindergarten area</li> <li>- City is responsible for the play structure</li> <li>- It would cost \$25,000 to cover the playground with astroturf</li> </ul> <p><b>Cameron Kroetsch, Potential city support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email sent to Cameron</li> <li>- Cameron replied: he knows about the renovations, he will get back to us</li> <li>- He knows about the play structure is city property and he is aware of the deadlines</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising possibilities for renovations (may want to fundraise for a specific item)</b></p> <p>Funscript Fundraiser (gift card)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we are registered and we can launch it</li> <li>- families would sell gift cards for each retail store and the school would receive a certain percentage</li> <li>- need to tell parents what it is for; have a set date for it</li> </ul> <p>Direct school donations: tax receipts for school donations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can explore and advertise direct donations to the school</li> <li>- Can be done through the Hamilton Community Foundation</li> <li>- Bring this idea to the Durand neighbourhood association</li> <li>- Central Alumni committee have given money for awards, may be a possibility for playground funding</li> <li>- Direct Donation to the school</li> <li>- Hamilton Foundation for Student Success: Amy reached out to possible donors to fund the playground renovations             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Donation link on their site</li> <li>b. Tax receipt for donation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Fundraising with plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Get shipped directly to purchasers</li> <li>- School gets 10% of the proceeds</li> <li>- This can be promoted to the Durand neighbourhood and the market at the Central Presbyterian church</li> </ul>	<p><i>Ask Nate and Nadine about how much items cost in the playground to fundraise for a specific item in the playground.</i></p> <p><i>Reach out to the Hamilton Community Foundation re: any donations from community members to an intercity school.</i></p> <p><i>Beth will reach out to the Central Alumni re: any donations (may not be a lot of money)</i></p> <p><i>Christine will send out an email to set dates to talk about this later and to assign jobs.</i></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can ask about recommendations for container gardens</li> <li>- May do this at the Durand neighbourhood egg hunt.</li> </ul> Fundraising from TruEarth and Mabel's Labels	
<b>Principal's Report</b> 7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report Cards have gone out</li> <li>- Math consultant has come in to work with grade 3 classrooms</li> <li>- P.A. focus UDL Math assessment and presentation, emotion coaching (reviewing and validating students), literacy presentation, and other activities to implement intervention to support students in the last term of the school</li> <li>- Pylons to designate safe spots due to ice and snow</li> <li>- Students placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the soccer tournament last Friday, February 24.</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthy Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promoting BIG CRUNCH – crunching into an apple at the same time</li> <li>- Visitors from Board: Director, Trustee, and Superintendent</li> </ul> Executive Council and Councillor will be coming to this event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increasing awareness re: Ramadan, promoting and educating the students on this</li> <li>- Kindness Month: actions and initiatives that demonstrate acts of kindness</li> <li>- Heavily involved with public health nurse, settlement worker, and ELL worker</li> </ul> <p><b>Trips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are trips that are happening including art gallery, athletic activities, end of the year trips</li> </ul>	
<b>Teacher Report</b> 7:01	<p><b>Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lego Club (grade 2)</li> <li>- Crafting Club (grade 1)</li> <li>- Kindness Club – assembly on Pink Shirt day tied into kindness.</li> </ul> <p>School treasures book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Want to get them out before March Break</li> </ul> <p>Thinking Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 2 and 3 approach to math, P.A. Day presentation on this</li> </ul> <p>Importance of inside and outside shoes</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A safety concern if there are no inside shoes due to wet floors</li> <li>- Leaves the water outside</li> </ul>	
<b>Chair Report</b> 7:04	Grant Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We received the \$1,000 for the bulletin board.</li> </ul> Family Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successful: we got 72 surveys back</li> <li>- Main way people want to communicate is: email</li> <li>- WhatsApp: 20</li> <li>- Notes home: 30</li> </ul>	<i>Christine will ask families to email her so that we can email them.</i>
<b>Nurse Update</b> (Corinne if available – 6 min)		
<b>May Open House</b> (7:05)	Staff Meeting May 25, likely the date for the Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gord will get confirmation from the staff</li> <li>- Usually a Thursday night, so 25 May, maybe 18 May</li> </ul>	
<b>Kindergarten Orientation</b> 7:06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those who have registered will get a postcard</li> <li>- An afternoon will be set up for families to come to get to know the kindergarten program</li> <li>- May be 18 May</li> </ul>	<i>Have a School Council table set up for this.</i>
<b>Coming up next month...</b>	Meeting on March 28 Focus: Fundraising Launched	
<b>Meeting Adjournment</b> 7:12		
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	Week of March 27 – Fundraising Focus Meeting Tues Apr 25 Tues May 30 Tues Jun 20	