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Date	January 31, 2023
Start Time – End Time	6:30-7:30pm
Meeting Location	Microsoft Teams meeting
Attendees	<p>Gordon Carey, Principal Christine Sandor, Co-Chair Andrea Gulyas, Secretary Alyson Shields – Treasurer</p> <p><i>Parent Representatives</i> Erica Speakman Trishna Balchandani Daren Myles</p> <p><i>Teacher Representatives</i> Beth Grosso Maria Difalco Renbata Gal</p>

Agenda Item	Topic	Action Items
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Christine (2)		
Facilities (6:50)	<p>Renovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadine and Nathan (Project managers for renovations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Capital with HWDSB <p>What they do: Look after school renovations on behalf of HWDSB Elementary Benchmark strategy – five year plan (The windows last year were school renewals, not part of the benchmark)</p> <p>Scope of Work : redoing gym, stage lift for accessibility, new flooring, new gym pads and spaces associated with it : new ceilings lighting, upgrading visible components : upgrading playground ie. Paving and artificial turf in the playground space</p>	



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	<p>Timeline: Mid-Feb: Building permit for playground by mid Mid-March: Open for tendor April: Selection of tendor and start work asap By September: complete as much as possible by Sept. After back to school: may have some work to do on gymnasium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited budget available for the renovations <p>Ideas: artificial turf, seeding to introduce greenery and sensory, seating ie. Buddy benches, logs recommended not to get put in (they are being removed in other schools because our climate is not conducive to it and they have become a health and safety risk), line painting for outdoor games : the list of ideas was a great starting pt.</p> <p>Partnerships with Durand Community and City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No partnerships - Can we approach our councillors? - Any support from the councillor would come through the boards liaison committee. Amber at the board would look after it. - Doesn't need to go through council's annual budget. - School board contributes to high needs schools in interior renovations, but when it comes to exterior renovations that is part of the Benchmark Funding it is minimal because Ministry funding is limited for the exterior focus: roofs, windows etc. - Most schools received \$50,000, Central received \$100,000 	<p><i>What kind of line painting would we want in the yard?</i></p> <p><i>Approach councillor and ask them for the process to get their support in funding.</i></p> <p>Need to fit into the timeline. May be able to add to the project if funding comes in later, but it would be more economical now.</p> <p>Next Steps : Put together a letter to the councillor : Receive information on what the plans are. : Ms. Barone is writing up a letter</p>
<p>Review of Previous Minutes (6:52)</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	
<p>Principal's Report (7:00)</p>	<p>Adnan Shebaz: student achievement officer : has been in the school</p> <p>Equity Action Plan</p>	



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	<p>: will be working with Adnan : want to have a voice from everyone, our families and equity for all</p> <p>ECE Student Treasures : a publishing company that allows students to publish a book for each classroom : lots of interest from the students : will stay within the school</p> <p>Pizza Days : happening, but postponed because of the snow</p> <p>Popcorn : good, money is collected in the office</p> <p>Literacy Initiative : K-2, literacy specialist working with teachers : trying to get more current and engaging resources : Literacy specialist has been very helpful</p> <p>Math Strategy : gives student the opportunity to have one on one time with a math consultant, these are job embedded lessons to help teachers change instruction and practice</p> <p>Staffing : starting to plan for 2023 and 2024 : Projections: 300 students, (remote students 21 – not sure what will happen to them, as they are not part of the projections). : a very heavily involved process</p> <p>Daily School Route – Gord has been working with the principal from Earle of Kitchener</p>	
<p>Teacher Report (7:05)</p>	<p>Report Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers currently working on them - They were worked on the PD Day - They go home February 17 	



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	<p>Clubs (need to limit numbers as they could get out of hand)</p> <p>Checkers Club: grades 3 to 5, potential tournament 6 kids per grade</p> <p>Art: Kids can come and chill during lunch, Ms Gal and Ms Grosso, grades: 4 and 5, and then grade 3 if there are not a lot of kids. Health action team may be able to contribute some funding to it because it is part of mental health)</p> <p>Younger grades: Intermurals, in the process of gathering teachers to give up their lunch for this</p> <p>Lego Club: there is talk of this</p> <p>Teacher Communication with Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start with the teacher, reach out and ask for a time - Kindergarten may have a calendar - Some teachers do newsletters - Agendas also used - Trying to get the parent-teacher interview day back because it was a success. - ESL Teacher is sending out info to teacher to send to families to have avenues as to how to speak to the teachers – Can coordinate with out interpreters. <p>Health Action Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful hat and mit <p>February</p> <p>Kindness month : inspirational quote + action for the day read in announcements</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day February 22 : pink paper cut out shirts given out to write messages on</p> <p>Black History Month : projects on 5 famous people who have changed the world on social justice and equity</p> <p>Let's build the February month actions throughout the year.</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at books that are inclusive. - Have some of the health action team read stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> : Maria (library) has also started purchasing books that support social emotional learning : the schools has also applied for a grant : will be getting answers for the grant in May : hoping to qualify for the “adopt a school” as well. <p>Safe Route to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health Physical activity specialist has a safety team that can advise on safe routes to school. 	
<p>Chair Report (7:10)</p>	<p>PRO Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: to reach parents - We have decided to use to replace the parent information board <p>Parent Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> : inform parents of what is happening in the school: pizza days, report cards : celebrate classrooms by showcasing artwork, projects <p>Daily School Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourages active mobility to school for kids who live 1.6 km from school - Daniel (contact) anticipating to including wards beside ward 1 into the initiative (there is overlap between ward 1 and 2) - Principal of Kaneskare also interested. <p>Open Information Night for School Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major fundraising activities in some schools - Lots of ideas <p>Communication with parents and ways to engage Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> : FB page and group, with rules, no photos of children, unless your own :WhatsApp announcement - anyone can write a message, but no message back, a quick way to get information to parents about what is needed in the school ie. Volunteers to count money for pizza day. : Need to consider the digital divide. 	<p><i>Erica will create a tick box survey re: the best way to communicate to parents</i></p>



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	<p>: a lot of families use WhatsApp, it could be a good avenue + message board according to settlement worker, Rufayda</p> <p>: Office Lens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translates pdf docs in any language <p>Parent Engagement Night in the Spring: Tentative: May 25</p>	
<p>Budget and Fundraising (7:20)</p>	<p>PRO Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose: to reach parents - We have decided to use to replace the parent information board <p>Parent Information</p> <p>: inform parents of what is happening in the school: pizza days, report cards</p> <p>: celebrate classrooms by showcasing artwork, projects</p> <p>Fundraising update from TruEarth and Mabel's Labels</p>	
<p>Community Engagement (7:30)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with parents • Parent Engagement Night in May • Students manning the table 	<p><i>Survey parents on the best way to engage them.</i></p>
<p>Trustee Update (7:35)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather increment survey brought • Can raise concerns with the trustee if you have any 	
<p>Coming up next month...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Chong (from Daily School Route Program)? • Have a meeting with individuals interested in writing a letter to city council 	
<p>Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>7:35</p>	
<p>Upcoming Meetings</p>	<p>Tues Feb. 28 Tues Apr 25 Tues May 30 Tues Jun 20</p>	