



School Council Meeting -- April 25th, 2022, 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Kerry Kumaasi (Co-Chair), Justine Brown (Co-Chair), Alison Simpson (staff), Tina (Umbrella), Nicki Crayford, Richelle Bratuz (Principal), Aletha Groff, Megan Ryan, Brianne Nethercot (secretary).

Absent Voting Members: Jen Davis (Treasurer), Devin Powers, Sez Nalsok, Jazz Kaur, Vanessa G, Jonathan Coates

First: Draw for Old Navy and Gap gift cards from our Open House

--Names Drawn are Danielle Blythe & Lindsay Hazell...Congratulations!!

Welcome & Introduction

→Once around the table to introduce ourselves and tell where we'd like to go for a vacation if we could go anywhere!

Principal's Report

→Open house was great! Lots of people, huge turnout! It was great to have families IN the building.

→EQAO is happening for grades 3-6 and will be online. Kids will have tech provided and it will be spread out over a longer timeframe to allow for that access (May into June).

→A letter will be coming home to families with information about Fire Drills, Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Bomb Threat, and Shelter-In-Place. Richelle will be clear about dates and procedures to give families any information that they may need ahead of time.

→Grade 8 Grad—in-person grad will take place Thursday June 23rd. The ceremony will be at the school (4:30 in the gym). The Grand Olympia will be the venue for the formal (meal and dance; activities).

→Grade 8 trip—traditionally they have gone to Ottawa, but we're not quite ready for an overnight. Richelle is in touch with the superintendent to see about day-tip options. Council will be asked for some support financially to offset cost for students. Students will be acknowledged for academic success on an Honour Roll (80% and above) and Principal's Honour Roll (90% and above). Are lawn placards still an option? Richelle is in touch with the Board to see if they have a contact or provider, and if cost is being covered.

Teachers' Report

→open house and book fair were really successful, it was lovely to see everyone in!

→ Music Extracurriculars: Junior Choir (grades 3-5), Intermediaten Choir (grades 6-8), Concert Band, guitar club (7-8), ukulele club (4-5)

→ Basketball teams running, soccer and track starting soon as well

→ Positive Space Club is beginning to happen for intermediates

→ Student-led initiatives include collecting pop tabs for cystic fibrosis research, Ramadan display case in the foyer, planting and gardening being organized by grade 3 and FDK classes

→ FDK Orientation May 12th

→ FI Orientation (new grade one FI students) in May, details to follow

→ Students celebrating Ramadan are able to use the earning Commons as a space to spend time with other students that are fasting

→ Forest of Reading is taking place in the library

New Business

→ Fundraising—the co-chairs and Richelle met and talked about fundraising and came up with survey to use for open house. It was done online, and there were 24 respondents. People liked the idea of one large fundraiser at the beginning of the year, and then food offerings throughout the year. The main fundraiser would be in the fall, and be something like a Halloween Party or a Fall Fest. We'll send a document out to the council members that are able to vote to see if they have preferences of what they'd like to do.

1. Do we want to have one main fundraiser or spread them out throughout the year
2. What options would you prefer to support in each of these scenarios?

→ Nutrition program—TasteBuds is a company that will help us sort out what will work best for our school. Two days a week would be ideal (Tuesday/Thursday). We can also get in touch with Food 4 Kids (Meg has a contact and would be able to help direct us).

→ Education Week is May 2nd-6th – Bri has been in touch with a speaker and can look for another. It's short notice. Do we know any authors? Is there anything else we'd like to do instead? **Update following the meeting.... Speaker not available... looking for last-minute other options for one night in May. Maybe Board Game night or Paint night.

→ Umbrella Care: there is a little bit of space in before-and-after care for May and June. Tina has more information if it's needed, there is room in school-age and Kindergarten. pleastdale@umbrellafamily.com

→ Next Meeting May 16th 6:00 pm, Eastdale Learning Commons

→ Meeting adjourned (moved by Kerry, seconded by Justine).