

## Parent Council Meeting - Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6pm on MS Teams

### Attendance:

- Kim Ward
- Allison Boyle
- Micheal Azzopardi
- Amanda Duncan
- Heather Smiley
- Leanne Evelyn

### Principal updates

1. New curtains in the gym. New outer navy blue curtains (capital expense). Back curtains removed
2. Nutrition break winter model - 4 classes out at a time model. Piloted in end of december field divided into 4 quadrants = bigger space for students  
Primary students are out for the first break of 20 minutes, teachers taking students out for 20 minutes later in the day.  
Junior students are out for the second break of 20 minutes, teachers taking students out for 20 minutes earlier in the day
3. Photo Day January 28 postponed until further notice. March 3 is still booked for grade 8 Graduation photos.
4. January 26,27 - Family Fun Night - Families consolidated into one night, January 26. "Scientist in the Classroom" have offered a February 24 workshop to make up the extra night.
5. School technology - 30 new ipads ordered 70 ipads couldn't be deployed as they were too antiquated. Hoping to replace 70 ipads. Waiting to see when we return to face to face learning to see about budget for the ipads. Options:
  - Board could sell 70 old ipads and might get small fee.OR
  - keep the old ipads and use for things outside of the HUB and Teams, like research and for the kindergarten classes. Use them until they no longer work.
6. Kindergarten Shed Equipment storage unit - waiting on pricing estimates
7. Report Cards - Term 1 - new math curriculum - only one Math mark with new comprehensive understanding of math (from Ministry). Will post this report card update to our school website to prepare parents
8. As a board, doing work on Equity on "Learn, Disrupt and Rebuild." Board is moving toward a more gender neutral pronouns and language on report card comments. This term, Staff are going to continue to use "he/she" in most instances, unless a student has requested otherwise and then will be using "they." Staff can also use the Student's name, forgoing all pronouns. No firm direction that they must use "they" but beginning to build foundation and understanding in the community.
9. Ruth L'Abbe - on vacation and has since retired. Karen Dakin is new head caretaker effective January 31, 2021
10. \$500 Parent Engagement fund is available for us to use. Begin discussions on what we might use this money towards.....
  - Heather suggested - \$500 towards Virtual Trivia Night

- In past, used toward a Jump Into Math Night.
- Michael asked if Amanda can survey parents to see how they might like to use the \$500 on Parent facebook page, provided it meets guidelines. Not much in the school generated funds accounts.
- Options - Michael - partnering with another school or more to pool money together to get a guest speaker or other event. Virtual Options for engagement due to ongoing COVID restrictions.
- Options - Michael - Virtual Magic show
- Concerns - only 6 families signed up for Science Night
- Engagement needs to improve - better parent voice. Engagement during different time of day, or day of the week, offer food options in the future
- Parent Survey to find out what parents want?

#### Teachers Report

Leanne - SunSense Program - I am looking to have our school certified as a Sun Sense School. Sun Sense is a Program offered by the Canadian Cancer Society. They offer Teacher Guides with age-appropriate lessons on skin care and sun awareness. They have sent us resources like student sun cootie catchers with sun facts, a sun bracelet activity that have beads that change colour when in contact with UV Rays and parent information post cards to send home when appropriate. All resources have been distributed to teachers before the Winter Break. As the Teacher Lead, I need to complete a Progress Report Form, detailing what we are able to do this year. I am hoping to also complete a Sun Shade Audit this year. I am bringing this to Parent Council as I would like to add Shade to our Detwiler playground plan.

Team Members - Leanne Evelyn

Sun Shade audit - pending

#### Questions and Discussions:

- Heather questions - Nutrition breaks - how do they get 40 minutes - Building DPA into outside time to replace the time the students weren't going outside during a Nutrition Breaks
- Kim Grade 7 & 8 Vaccinations? Michael shared that they were postponed until further notice from Public Health - Public Health said they were taking over the communications. Allison confirmed that website said that all dates were postponed.

#### February Agenda Items

\$500 Parent Engagement Fund

6:55 - Amanda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim seconded.

Next Meeting -