#### JAMES MACDONALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

200 Chester Ave, Hamilton, ON L9C 2X1 Meeting held via Microsoft Teams Online

February 11, 2021 at 7 pm

# **MINUTES**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Chair Stephanie Hurley, Secretary Melissa McCormack, Principal Amanda Vernon, Teacher Representative Laura Kentie Heather Talach

Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:00 pm

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, M. McCormack

- Agenda approved by S. Hurley, L. Kentie. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from November 12, 2020 meeting & accepted by L. Kentie, S. Hurley All in favour.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL START UP FUNDS, M. McCormack, S. Lostanaw Lavin

- \$500 startup fund from Ministry, looking for ideas on how to spend funds.
- Ideas: Cooking with your kids, coding, exercise, yoga, parent wellness, family trivia via zoom or virtual presentations. Will discuss at next meeting.

#### PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack

- March Break has been postponed until April 12-16, 2021.
- First term report cards will be emailed to families February 19, 2021. Hard copies of report cards will be sent home March 4, 2021.
- Report cards will include new math curriculum. Math will be consolidated into one mark, not five marks as previous.
- Pink day: February 24, 2021. Pink day centers around the messaging of kindness, respect and lifting others up.
- Board wide initiative, Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild:
  - Module 1: completed October/November. Focus was centered on Covid protocols.
  - Module 2: focus will be on identity and intersectionality.
- Transition to in-person learning this week have been going very well.

#### TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon

- February 12, 2021 will be Valentine's Day celebration. School wide BINGO is friendship themed. Each classroom will host their own celebrations.
- Junior classes (grades 4-6) have been learning about coding using Scratch programming through support of community partners, Creation Camp.
- Primary classes are starting Home Reading program. Will be taking home books starting next week.

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#### TREASURER REPORT, S. Lostanaw Lavin

• See attached Financial Report for account balances

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE, S. Lostanaw Lavin

- HWDSB asking parents/community members to complete survey on budget and proposed 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. Link available through HWDSB email. Budget survey closes February 25, 2021. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar survey closes February 26, 2021.
- <a href="https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/public-consultation/">https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/public-consultation/</a>

# **NEW BUSINESS**

• Motion to move April 15, 2021 council meeting to March 18, 2021 at 7pm. Approved by L. Kentie, H. Talach. All in favour.

Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:38 pm. Approved by A. Vernon, L. Talach.

The next School Council Meeting will be held at 7 pm On Thursday, March 18, 2021 via Microsoft Teams Online.