

Review and Approve Minutes: move to approve Carley, second Cara

Council Nominations:

Cara – treasurer

Carley – Chair

Jeanette – Secretary

Teachers Report

- Review of what parent council is
 - o Focus on student well being
 - o Keep families up to date on what is happening at the school and the board level
 - o Receive feedback from families
- September 30th – National Day of Reconciliation was celebrated, MH spent about two weeks learning
- Terry Fox is being done class by class – try like terry challenge, we are fundraising as well through the link sent home in the weekly update
- Athletics – there are some opportunities, we will be running cross country as an in school activity (grade 3-5). We will not be doing swim – it is too complex.
- Managing Student Illness – thank you to parents for keeping kids home, getting them tested etc.
- Small Gym Update – the gym is almost done; it took a bit longer than expected but it will be finished soon. We are waiting for the backboards and the lines to be painted.
- Fundraising
 - o Board has asked that it be kept to a minimum
 - o Pizza day is paused
 - o If we do fundraise any transactions must be done online
 - o They have given some ideas – virtual events, auctions, Mabel’s labels, etc.
 - o We must have a purpose prior to raising funds – must be submitted by October 29th
- Staff Report
 - o Thank you for waiting to come onto the playground

Fundraising

- Ms. Buck will speak with the teachers to gather a list of the needs at the school, she will provide this to Carley, and it will then be sent out to get council’s input
- Carley and Jenny to work on options for online fundraising – Flip give, gift cards, indigo, COBS and present to council at the next meeting
- Ms. Gunn and Cara to sort out what the balance of council funds were spent on prior to the pandemic – Cara to advise council next meeting

Bullying

- Discussed the difference between “telling on a peer” and being fearful and needing to speak up and talk to a teacher

- Parents would like the administration to investigate a certain class as many parents are feeling the same way – especially with the cohorts’ kids feel that they can’t get away. Ms. Buck to reach out to these parents are discuss
- Is it considered bullying to leave out the same child repeatedly – the solution was that the educator found additional balls so more people could play – for fundraising we should try to provide additional sporting equipment.
- A lot of classes have implemented community circles so that when there is an issue on the playground when they come back, they can discuss it with a teacher present
- Ms. Buck will put up links to the safe schools panel findings - KIVA program looks like what they will be adopting (Norway). There is also a link for parents if they wish to join the panel.
- Child a youth practitioner is going to be at Mary Hopkins to help the kids deal with these challenges
- The kids need to have solutions for things to do with themselves at recess – they are stuck in a small space and seem to always get in trouble
- Bus Rides – can be a problematic place, the bus drivers have a hard time managing the kids and driving the bus safely. The kids can report to the bus driver and the bus driver can report it to Ms. Buck. The kids can speak with Ms. Buck or Ms. Chambers.
- Zero tolerance policy for bullying is no longer – we now have progressive discipline, what does this mean?
 - o We moved away from zero tolerance a long time ago
 - o Progressive discipline means that we take a supportive stance to disciplining – the school may use counselling, lose of recess, suspension, expulsion, etc.
 - o E.g., If someone used a racial slur and they responded in a violent way we would factor in all the circumstances to decide on discipline
 - o Suspension has been removed as punishment for kids to grade 3
 - o When a child is being physically assaulted – depending on the instance and circumstance we have many different options – suspension, lose of privileges, etc.

Other topics planned to be discussed next meeting due to time constraints.

Next Meeting set for Wednesday November 3, 2021