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School Council Meeting Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:00pm

In Attendance:

S. Constable, P. Hatala, S. Hall, L. Roy, A. Cooper, T. Rayner, G. Bijelic, L. Billingsley, M. Patrineli,
L. Aquino-Soriano, M. Bodo

1. Meeting called to order and Land Acknowledgement

P. Hatala called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
P. Hatala led the Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of the minutes

Minutes to be sent out following the meeting

3. Principal's Report - S. Constable

Housekeeping

- Office admin, Jodie Osmond, returned in January
- Several boxes of masks for students
- Rapid tests available for parents and student
 - o Contact the school
- Students are no longer required to wear masks when they are outside
- COVID update protocol did not address parents with masks on the school property. S. Constable will look into this.
- No news about the cohorts – still in cohorts outside
- In school vaccination clinic on March 9th
- School will continue to inform parents via school messenger and the website about positive COVID cases, but only those that are shared with the school



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School Business

- February is Black History Month
 - o Grade 8's are making daily announcements and have created a beautiful visual on a bulletin board in the front foyer. Teachers are doing a variety of activities.
- Carnaval in February – Huge Success
- Gum Day also a Huge Success, reward for such an incredible food drive
 - o Goal was 100 items
 - o Reached 2800 items!!
- Lockdown Drill on March 3rd, 2022
 - o Prepare the students and especially younger students so they are not afraid and so they understand
- No update re: Parking
 - o It is a slow process
 - o S. Constable will keep putting pressure on them
- Report Cards went home today
- Have had teachers come forward re: track and field in the spring, but not basketball
 - o Extracurriculars are on a volunteer basis

4. Chair updates P. Hatala

Parent Survey

- was distributed in December
- 33 parents responded
- Results are a starting point
- Consider re-publishing at the end of the year – to help set a direction for the group in September
- Survey Results:
 - o Majority of parents responded have more than 1 student
 - o There are opportunities to consider we communicate out the work we do and how to reach one of the PC members
 - o 3 aspects of MJ student life that students enjoy
 - 28% answered teacher (also gym, kids, friends)
 - o 3 aspects students wish to change



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- 46% lack of sports (also EC, clubs)
- What parents would like to see continue
 - 14% French (Also communication, school, arts programs)
- What parents would like to see improved
 - 22% Parking (also Sports, opportunities)
- Information sessions
 - Receiving more info around certain topics
 - Email preferred method, 2nd virtual information session
- Areas of Focus
 - 27% Parking (also resources, school, kids)

Next Steps:

- Possible to put teachers/educators emails on website to help with communication
 - Pre-COVID, the Teachers Federation was opposed to putting teachers emails out to parents because of previous ramifications
 - Due to COVID, teacher's emails were given to families so parents could communicate with teachers
 - Will look into this for next year
- Posting parent council email address as well as members of the parent council, respecting privacy of members
- Newsletter or bulletin/monthly update disseminated to the parents
 - Look to get something out by the end of march and every month after that
 - P. Hatala will send out an email to see who would like to volunteer
- Posting the dates and times of the meetings
- Message through messenger a week in advance inviting other parents to the meeting
- Meeting minutes posted to the school website



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5. Other Business

Extracurricular Activities

- Important for students!
- Dependent on teachers volunteering
- There is opportunity for parent coaches as long as there is a teacher supervisor who is willing to supervise all the practices and the games
 - o Screening and a police check required
 - o S. Constable will look into if this is possible with new opening guidelines
- Biggest block right now is not mixing cohorts of kids
- Try to take a look to see where other blocks exist: lack of expertise, kids being bused home, lack of time of parents and try to come up with solutions as things return to normal
- S. Constable to look into whether or not teachers from other schools (within the board) can coach instead

Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting May 24th, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm