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School Council Meeting
November 17, 2022

In attendance:

Sandra Constable
Paul Hatala
Suzanne Hall
Lesley Billingsley
Maria Patrinelli
Mike Nafekh
Trish Rayner
Kanten Small
Ashley Stinnissen
Elisha Procetti

In attendance Via MS Teams:

Nicolle Profetto
Wendy
Anthony Valente
Jennifer Omar
Gaurav Rohilla

Meeting Started at 6:07pm

Welcome and Agenda

Land Acknowledgement

1) Principals Report

- **EQAO**

- Results: MJ did very well. Mme Constable very pleased with the results especially under the circumstances
- ****These are all at level 3, which is the provincial standard****
 - Grade 3 – 77% for reading (compared to 58% Board and 59% Province)
 - Grade 3 – Writing 69% (54% board, 33% province)



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- Grade 3 – Math 30% (38% board, 45% province)
- Grade 6 – Reading 78.6% (Board 66.7%, province 68.8%)
- Grade 6 – Writing 66.7% (Board 60.3%, province 59.8%)
- Grade 6 – Math 78.6% (Board 66.7%, province 68.8%)
- First once since the pandemic and first one done on technology
- Format was much different – much more engaging, and user friendly for the kids – characters and digital calculators
- Paul asked the question about what things are in place to help children bridge/close the gaps
 - For reading and writing, there is an after-school program to help struggling readers and writers, currently doesn't address the math part
 - There are currently many teachers at MJ seeking professional development to learn strategies to close the gaps
 - For the fundraising committee - look at apps for parents to use to help children/supporting the ongoing work
- We teach Math and reading and writing in French – this is an English Test.
- **Holiday Performance** on Tuesday December 13th – Drama club and all members of the choir, stage crew, art crew.
 - Evening
 - 4:45-5:30pm – Book Fair
 - 5:30-6:30pm – Musical
 - 6:30-7:30pm – Book Fair
 - Who can come – school population will be watching during school hours
 - Evening – by invitation only to families of children who are involved in the production – this is to meet fire code policy
 - Everyone is invited to the book fair
 - Population of School is 324
 - Paul suggested for another idea for a fundraiser – a book exchange/fundraiser
- **School renovations- Information sent out November 8th**
 - Renos in July 2023
 - Corridor – new ceilings and lighting
 - Gym renovations, new flooring, lights, protective padding
 - Washroom renos, new fixtures, partitions, paint, ceiling, light, ventilation
 - All exterior windows and doors
 - To be completed before the kids start back in September

2) Lunch Committee



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- All research led to lunchbox, or restaurants delivering to the school – which would require parent volunteers.
 - Lunchbox has been bought out by Kev School Solutions – National
 - Implementation time is 4 weeks
 - Start twice/week to get the ball rolling, then can reach out to other local places
 - Only subway and Pizza
 - No tailored menus
 - Seems they are trying to streamline it
 - Mike suggested we go with this company, looks like it would be easiest to implement
 - Jodie Osmond would be the contact person and the students would do the distributing
 - J. Osmond has reached out to local businesses today
 - Looking to start in the new year, depending on whether or not the students will be in school (Negotiations)
 - **Motion: to use Lunchbox as a way for the parents to purchase lunches for the school community:**
 - o **8 votes yes**
 - o **0 no**
 - o **0 abstentions**
 - **Motion passed**
- 3) Fundraising Committee
- Christmas store set up for the kids to do their own shopping
 - o All based on donations
 - o Prices \$0.25 to \$2.00
 - o Kids can shop
 - o Will not cost the school anything – pure profit
 - o Could depend on whether or not kids are in school
 - o Is there a plan for kids who do not have any money,
 - o Need to look into whether or not this is something we can do health and safety wise
 - o Given the uncertainty of what will happen between now and Christmas, let's wait and see if the school will be open, will we be back to wearing masks
 - ****Need to decide what we are raising funds for****
 - We are in a desperate need for iPads
 - School councils cannot technically fundraise for any technology as the board already gives the schools a budget for that



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- 4) Black History Month - Elisha
- Meeting with Empowerment squared
 - They will come in to speak
 - Need to decide day/time
 - Need to put a plan in place to make sure that Leo is safe when he is in the school
 - Willing to do multiple talks to students of different ages
 - They are offering us a lot of resources
 - Send a letter to parents to make sure this is a safe space for him
 - They want a sense of what we want to hear about
 - We should have a fundraising aspect to give back to this group
 - They work closely already with HWDSB
 - They just built a gym and are in need of gym equipment – Fundraising in lieu of paying him
 - There is a curriculum currently being built at HWDSB
 - They are willing to give us whatever they have done so far as a way to decide if this is how they would roll it out for other HWDBS schools
 - They work closely with CAS
 - Could also have a Michaelle Jean day
 - She is in touch with her foundation – they love the idea
 - It's not for sure, but it is very possible that Michaelle Jean could come here or at least deliver a video message
 - A friend who teaches hip hop and street dance
 - Matthew Green – MPP Another option for someone to come in
 - A list of black home businesses
 - Morning announcement, a different person was highlighted each day (last year we had grade 8 student leaders do just this)
 - **Should we highlight this to our community to see if there are BIPOC members of the community to whole like to help and organize
 - Could we find a lucrative fundraiser and divide the proceeds 50/50 for our school and empowerment squared

Updates:

Look into ways to Get more info onto the website

Look into interested school council members to plan for Jan-June

Next Meeting date:

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creativity.

possibility.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm