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School Council Meeting  
March 30th, 2023

In attendance:

Sandra Constable  
Paul Hatala  
Suzanne Hall  
Trish Rayner  
Lesley Billingsley  
Mike Nafekh  
Jen Omar  
Jennifer Valente  
Maria Patrinelli

Meeting Stated at 6:03pm

Land Acknowledgement

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Clubs and Activities that are currently going on – to be posted for Parents
- Community building activities – to be posted for Parents
- Athletics – to be posted for Parents
  - o Posted to email, website and Instagram
- Celebrating Ramadan – offering learning commons to the students who are fasting
- May be purchasing more Chess sets due to increased interest – there is a board wide chess tournament – possible future engagement
- Is there an opportunity to share the results with the parents?
  - o Mrs. Osmond put it on the Instagram Feed
  - o The Board has the results posted
  - o Can look into putting it on the school website
- Can we acknowledge the teacher in some way for stepping up?
- Rural School Funds was used to paint the logo on the gym wall
- The rest of the Rural School Funds will be used to educational excursions
- Educational Excursions (Field Trips) are happening, but it is teacher dependent



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 2 activities planned
- Was a success all around
- Over \$900 for empowerment squared
- Kids were really engaged and they had lots of thoughtful questions
- 2 Take-aways
  - o We can and always should lead with kindness
  - o Black history did not start with slavery – not to focus on that
- Possibility for kids to go empowerment squared and see the gym and where all their efforts went (educational excursion)
  - o This would be teacher dependent – they would need to volunteer
  - o Could this be an evening event that parents can choose to take their kids to if they wanted?
  - o Lesley to ask
- An email has gone out to the teachers for the opportunity to take a class trip to empowerment squared – Craft club is making a cheque to be presented

## PRO GRANT

- We have \$1000 to use for parent engagement before the end of the year
- Can only use \$100 on Food
- Talked about the potential for a guest speaker
  - o Social Media Safety – Paul Davis
    - Suzanne Has reached out and it waiting
- Can use it for the end of the year BBQ-Picnic
  - o Council in favour of using it for the end of the year BBQ instead
  - o Invite our current families as well as the incoming families who will be starting grade one next year
  - o Last year the food broke even
  - o What does council want to do this year?
    - Ice cream truck – Lesley to Ask
    - Possibility to rent the cotton candy machine – Paul will reach out to Rebecca
    - The 360° photo booth – Lesley to Ask
    - Pie in the face? (Dunk tanks no longer allowed)
    - Fire Trucks



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- Ambulance?? – Suzanne to ask her contact
- Possibility to hold this on the same day as the June play day?
- For new families to have an opportunity to come into the school
- \*\*There will be an In-School Grade One FI Orientation\*\*
- **Possible Date – Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June – Send a hold the date**
- Adding a DJ?? – Lesley to ask
- Pizza really worked – would like to do that again – Trish to Ask

## For Next Meeting:

- What we want to fundraise for?
  - Outdoor Classroom/Playground – Bienenstock
  - Shade
  - Resources for teachers
  - DPA Kits for the kids
- Map out the Big Events and the Small Events
- At the BBQ – ask the parents

Next meeting will be Virtual on April 27th, 2023

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm