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School Council Meeting
January 18th, 2024

In attendance:

Mark Hopkins – Principal
Megan Foster – Teacher Representative
Paul Hatala
Jennifer Miles – Program Leader for Umbrella Family Daycare (Before and After School)
Suzanne Hall
Elisha Szafran
Trish Rayner
Jen Omar
Kham Keochanh
Denise Bazeley
Jennifer Valente
Brittany Hunter
Lesley Billingsley
Joanna Seymour
Emanuela Lipa-Crawford
Wendy Mahabir
Jaia Borja-Rabago

Meeting Stated at 6:02pm

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
 - To be done online
3. Council By-Laws
 - Suzanne, Jen O and Jen V
 - Reviewed the Bylaws
 - Would like the council to review the revisions
 - Need to make a decision on Quorum – there is nothing in the Regulation
 - School Council Handbook says 50% plus one
 - Feedback to be sent over slack



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4. Financial Update

- Paul to send out a financial update over email
- It went up a little because of Poinsettia fundraiser

5. Update on December Activities

- Poinsettia Fundraiser
 - o 37 poinsettia plants
 - o Not a huge profit
 - o \$150 Profit
 - o Next year offer to pick them up to save on delivery
 - o Sent a Thank You plant to Mme Osmond
 - o Next year try to put it out earlier
- Binbrook Santa Claus Parade
 - o Grade 7's
 - o Helped with the Binbrook Parade
 - o Next year will try to organize a little earlier

6. Pro Grant

- Parent Reaching Out Grant
- Provide opportunities for the parents to engage with the school community
- Maximum \$1000
- Last year used it for the end of year picnic
- Application is due Friday, January 26th, 2024
- Only 10% can be used for food
- Money has to be spent by June 28, 2024
- Possibility for Diversity and Inclusion Guest speakers

7. Diversity and Inclusion Planning

- Student from Hamilton – Ainara's Bookshelf – Instagram page and now a TV show to highlight diverse characters
- She is excited to come to the school to talk to the kids during black history month
- Different book recommendations for the different age levels of kids
- Bring in the student voice – what they would like to hear
- No cost – Could present her with something
- Motion: The school council will invite Ainara to present to the student body as part of the black history month celebrations
- Second: Suzanne Hall
 - o In favour – 13 ; opposed – 0; Abstain – 0
 - o Motion Carried
- Lesley to send Paul the details who will send out the info to everyone



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8. French Café

- Need to set a date
- Possible Dates: Feb 21, 26 and 29th
- Timing: Need to discuss as a group and how much the teachers want to be involved
- Younger kids – art for the gym
- Music – Provide a performance
- Bring in a speaker for accordion music in-between performances
- Older kids – will be hosts/servers
- Will likely need parent volunteers
- Spoke to Tim Hortons – They are willing to donate
- If they donate – we can't re-sell the items
- Cover charge to get into the café – comes with a croissant, coffee or Tea/Hot chocolate
- Parents would need to RSVP
- If we did a cover charge – we would know who is coming as well as prevent money handling (School Cash Online)
- Multiple Seatings
 - o Ex. Classes allotted a certain time
 - o Or parents book a time
- Send out a newsletter – ask parents to donate (bake sale)
- The purpose would be to fundraise for Empowerment Squared – Teaches kids to give back within the community
- Need to decide:
 - o Date – February 26th, 2024
 - o Time – M. Foster will take it back to the Staff to ask for input
 - o What to charge?
 - o What to serve?
- Will work through slack to present info as it comes through

9. Principal's Update

- Parking
 - o Inside lane is the drive by/drop off lane
 - o If buses are there – they will put their stop sign up and lights on
 - o Will have a staff member there to help kids who have been dropped off cross the parking lot
 - o This hopefully will prevent parents from driving/parking behind the buses
- Kick off for Multi-Year Strategic Plan
 - o New Tag Line – Be you Be excellent
 - o Vision – Growing Together
 - o Mission – Every student experiences a sense of belonging and engage in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future



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- Student Centered
- School Learning Plan
 - One teacher wanted to do more kinesthetic teaching
 - Snowball Targets
- Pizza Success
 - Charging less and making more money
 - If anyone had ordered on Lunchbox, they will reimburse

10. Staff Updates

- New clubs have started
 - Art club
 - Dance club
 - Colouring club
- Athletics
 - BB season – Girls and Boys
 - Amazing future star players
- Band has started up again
 - 7/8
 - Getting ready for music fest

11. Next Meeting is February 22nd, 2024

- Paul will not be here
- Treasurer or Secretary will fill in to chair the meeting
- Will need to make a decision about June activities

12. Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
- Second: Jen O
- For: 13; Against – 0; Abstain - 0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm