

Attendees: Angela Giardino (AG principal), Amber Mayne(AM), Judy Davidson, Andrea Daw, Melissa Smith, Andrea Dunlop, Kelli H, Kelli Ridgeway(childcare supervisor) , Melissa S, Julie Y, Stephen Taylor

Welcome:

- Introductions
- Agenda

Community Report: Kelli R

childcare reopened January 3. A nice adjustment for the parents as no other children were around. Now that school is back the small children love to see the busses arriving for school.

There will be a march break camp for school age children who attend the before and after care.

Treasurer Report:

Susan absent, Amber presented
we had 4,806.76 which we used 2115.83 towards phys. ed., wooden benches and french resources and leaves us with 2690.9

Announce new secretary Andrea Dunlop

Principal Report:

The school is very happy to have Mr. Stephen Taylor with us ! He is the new Vice principal.

attendance not bad given the Covid situation.

We have not had to cross cohorts, however having a hard time outside keeping students in cohort.

Our food drive for Hamilton food share was extremely successful. We raised 1,350 pounds of food which is double what we would do in the past.

New filtration system has been put in the old parts of the school. Back playground being done as well.

The heritage green trust application has been blocked. We will have to look into that being changed.

Teacher's Report:

December Holiday Sweater spirit Day was a success

Yesterday was PJ day and it was also a success.

Before \Christmas the boys and girls basketball teams were made and already holding practices.

This is now on hold due to restrictions as is all intramural activities. Grades 6,7,8 cut throat is on hold

**** after this was discussed an email came out that intramural sports could resume not sure if we

should put that here ****

School spirit is up and students are happy to be back at school!

Exciting activities planned for February!!

Just before Christmas snack bin had delicious shortbread! It went over very well.

Hoping that there will be a treat for Valentine's Day.

New Business Amber

Concerns for a need of more street signs..the city will be coming to make an assessment which will include if we should have speed bumps, as speed has been noted as an issue, however speeding doesn't seem to be a problem overall.

Parents have asked about increasing parking,,this is no an issue for the school or the board,,this is zoning which is dictated by the city.

There seems to be a negative response from neighbours towards parents

Melissa added here that perhaps we need to have some more grace towards the neighbourhood as drop off time is quite chaotic!

Principal noted: Parents are more than welcome to call the city with their concerns with regards to the roadways signage, speed bumps etc... again this will be a part of the city assessment

the school may send out a newsletter , friendly reminder, as far as regulating the morning drop off

There were some complaints with regards to walk ways not being cleared..it was an insane couple of days of snow it was bound to be crazy.

The gravel path leading to upper fenced in area will be paved once the better weather returns

Concerns about children playing on the Habitat at recess. The habitat is always closed during winter due to safety concerns.

Fundraisers

Now with Covid rules much of what was used to be done as far as fundraisers go are no longer possible. Without volunteers being allowed in the school and such our options are limited.

Terra greenhouse has a flower fundraise, purchases can be made and then picked right up at Terra. We will get the paper work out shortly if approved.

School spirit wear is also another fundraiser that can be done. Spirit wear is purchased online and a portion goes to the school. It's a gentleman who runs his own small business..Amber will follow up.

Grad photos have had to be put on hold as well. Covid rules seem to be dampening everything!

Going to also look into pre packaged popcorn.

Voted and approved spirit wear fundraiser. Amber will email and then we can begin advertising.

Voted and approved Terra... Amber will follow up

Next meeting will be Thursday February, 24.

The school is in need of ipads, from fundraiser funds and perhaps look into grants..

Melissa will look into grants.

Meeting adjourned 7:29