



School Council Meeting

Date: October 25, 2023

Members Present: Guest Speaker: Megan from HPO, Sandra, Jenn, Laura McKenzie, Tania, Cam, Allison, Jessie, Mubina, Lynda, John		
Regrets:		
Call to Order: 10:13		
Agenda Item	Notes/Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and Introductions		
Review and Approval of Agenda	John motions to approve the agenda, Jenn 2 <sup>nd</sup> , all in favour.	All attendees
Review and approval of previous minutes	Jenn motions to approve the minutes for May and September, Robin 2 <sup>nd</sup> , all in favour.	All attendees
HWDSB Land Acknowledgement	We acknowledge our presence on the shared territories of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. We recognize the long history of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of Canada and our shared responsibility to take care of the earth.	M. Panju/M. Lutterotti
Old Business	Green venture has been in contact and has money and trees to supply to us upon approval. TD grant is to be written sometime in December for January deadline, but we are still	

awaiting the meeting with the principal, trustee, coordinator and school council members. Mubina is to follow up about a date. Cam and Alison were also encouraged to ask students to create drawings of what they imagine the school to look like with greenery around to be included in our grant letter to TD.

On Nov 7 a small virtual meeting will be held with the trustee, Cam, Alison, Mubina, John, and Sandra for more discussion on the topic. Nutrition program funding is required. Tastebuds requires that a partial amount is paid for through our own fundraising. We had applied for grants in the past, but did not receive the grant this year. We have been waiting on a dollar amount as to know how much funding is required of us. Donations from made good were suggested by John. Must also meet the healthy food requirements.

Ms Panju will inform us of any volunteer positions that may arise so we can reach out to those interested in volunteering from the volunteer recruitment table last year. So far volunteers

	are mostly just needed for field trips, and the ongoing nutrition program.	
Teacher Report	<p>Pumpkins have been purchased by H&amp;S and are being decorated by participating classrooms for the pumpkin contest in the trophy case by the main entrance.</p> <p>Kindergarteners will be going on their pumpkin patch trip tomorrow (Thursday oct 26),</p> <p>We're having barriers regarding the behaviours of attendees at our volleyball/afterschool sporting events.</p> <p>We discussed ways volunteers can help without being a liability concern and have heard the concerns of our principal and teachers and are willing to reach out to the school trustee to voice our concerns. Perhaps we can extend liability to volunteers at school events on school property during these afterhours events. John motioned to propose a unified letter with information from staff to the city councilor and trustee. Cam 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favour. More discussion regarding specifics of the letter will be made over email to interested</p>	Lynda Southon

	parties.	
Principal Report:	<p>Public Health nurse sent out survey to students in grade 5 and 6 to see how they are feeling about the school climate. Most people are not experiencing too many negative feelings. Discussion about cleanliness is the current topic.</p> <p>Mr Lutterotti has been including a social script to the announcements each morning. These are to enforce and acknowledge the expectation of positive behaviour in the school. These scripts remind and teach students of the behaviours that we may assume students have already learned in a way that focuses on the positive and reinforces or introduces ways to handles social situations with repetition.</p> <p>Recess guardians are being recruited and trained to organize and play games for younger students during recess.</p> <p>There was a successful PA Day for teachers with a strong instructional focus. Teachers have been designing team projects and have had the chance to monitor and report on progress. They used this day to focus only on positive and left negative behavioural</p>	M. Panju/ M. Lutterotti

	<p>discussions for another time.          “What you focus on, you create”</p> <p>A reminder about the flow chart for parents who are seeking a meeting with their child's teacher/principal. Scheduled meetings allow for productive time to be spent. It’s difficult to give parents and situations the time they need without a scheduled meeting. Emergency situations remain a priority, of course.</p>	
Chair Report		Sandra
Treasurer Report		
New Business	<p>Guest Speaker Megan from the Hamilton Philharmonics orchestra joined us via teams to talk about their adopt a school program. We were the chosen school based on our application which included great recommendation letters, and the way we described how this program would be implemented in our school as well as being a high priority school that has never been chosen for this program before. The program offers exposure of orchestral instruments to students who may not normally have access to these types of instruments. There are 7 modules that will be implemented throughout the school year. Students have begun to be introduced to 4</p>	

	<p>professionals who will share their stories of how they came to play their specific instruments with the students. Grades 1-6 will get to see a concert performed at the school on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Another module will teach grade 4 students to tell stories with their music and composition. Grade 6 students will learn how to become an active listener of music and be able to recognize different sounds. There will also be 65 complimentary tickets given to families of the school community to see a HPO performance. Nearing the end of the school year and this program the musicians will come and coach the students during a rehearsal and will have an opportunity to play together with the pro. (potentially the 4 who shared their stories at the start of the program).</p> <p>Meeting dates were set for the rest of the school year: Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 26, Apr 15, and May 27.</p> <p>Bylaws will be sent out to be revisited at a later meeting to discuss/review potential changes.</p>	
Next Meeting Date/Time	Monday, November 20, 2023	

Adjournment	11:41am	
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