



School Council Meeting

Date: September 25, 2023

Members Present: Tania, Sandra, Jenn, Robin, Laura McKenzie, Laura Mulder, Krista, Nicole, Cam, Jessie, Maria, Toni, Mubina, Lynda, Marco, Vandana, Jodie		
Regrets: John		
Call to Order: 10:18am		
Agenda Item	Notes/Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and Introductions	Everyone welcomed each other back and reintroduced themselves as well as welcomed a few new faces.	All attendees
Review and Approval of Agenda	Add after school damage to agenda. Nicole motions, Cam seconds, all in favour. Agenda approved.	All attendees
Review and approval of previous minutes	Minutes Approved. Nicole motions, Cam seconds, 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	Playgrounds were last discussed in 2019, but we have since re-reached out to green venture who have	

	<p>come to survey the yard and offer assistance to our endeavours to improve our greenspace outside the school. Grants were suggested to apply for in January 2024 (TD friends of the environment) with a 2 year window to use the funds. We are looking for funds to depave so we can begin planting trees and green spaces around the school.</p> <p>We were also reminded to be aware of potential delays that may set back our timelines for using grant money.</p> <p>Surveys had gone around to students to ask for their input on improvements to the playground. Most students humble suggestions were just for a bench or some shade.</p> <p>This will be a long process and we have plans for future meetings with the principal, super intendant, facilitator, school council, and home and school representatives to really work out a plan and execute it. Begin by identifying the biggest concerns and all our asks</p>	
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	<p>(relatively priced out) before meeting. Date TBD.</p> <p>Vandana added that she had previously looked into getting “buddy benches” for the school and could potential tie into our plans to improve the playgrounds.</p> <p>Improvements are intended to be made in increments as we are ready for each component – will not be waiting for the largest components to begin work.</p> <p>In the meantime, last year's physical activity leaders pilot program will continue this year as “recess guardians” where students lead activities, without the need for equipment, during recess.</p>	
<p>Teacher Report</p>	<p>Slow pitch tournament had some set backs with delayed busses but was an overall positive team-building event. Teachers have begun student assessment/reporting.</p> <p>HWDSB has made it’s switch to instagram for relaying information. We plan to switch out schools social media account from twitter to instagram as well to better share posts and information.</p>	<p>Lynda Southon</p>

	<p>A graffiti artist will be coming to the school to teach students and share some positive messages around the school.</p>	
<p>Principal Report:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reorganization timelines – Friday, September 22, by 4:00pm teachers will be informed of the changes. - Thursday, October 5th will be a transitional day. Students and parents will have a chance to meet old and new teachers at the meet the teacher event after school. - Friday, October 6th will be the first day of new classes. <p>Meet the staff will be held Thursday, October 5th after school, there will be a bbq, hotdogs will be sold for \$2 and Drinks will be sold for \$1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Annual Plan – 2 main priorities are wellbeing and reading. - Staff meeting – data collected on reading, math and wellbeing – go over new language curriculum. - Reimagining wellness 3.0 - Since the pandemic, hwdsb has made student mental health a priority, in our third year this 	<p>M. Panju/ M. Lutterotti</p>

	<p>mental health initiative has been revised with staff and student feedback. It contains 3 components that provide a consistent approach to the school year for both elementary and secondary.</p> <p>Reimagining Wellness 3.0 fosters wellbeing, creates community and supports each student in feeling safe, supported and included.</p> <p>There are three components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The top 5: during the first few weeks of school, lessons setting classroom norms, aligned with our anti-bullying strategy. <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-healthy relationships – human rights-Mental health literacy in the classroom – thoughts, emotions and actions.-Introducing bullying prevention – identifying teasing, aggression and bullying.-Collaborative classroom agreements-Barrier-free reporting – “HWDSB Helps” <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Ongoing wellness lessons: Many lessons dealing with community and team building, physical	
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	<p>activation and social-emotional skill development.</p> <p>3. Mental health literacy (coming in October): Lesson plans and powerpoints designed to support the development of basic mental health literacy skills. (All activities are linked to the curriculum).</p> <p>-A reminder that all parents/caregivers/visitors to the school must begin at the office, where you must sign in and obtain a visitor badge to be allowed entry into the school. This will help us identify visitors within the school and maintain the safety of our students and staff.</p>	
Chair Report		Jenn Ziegler
Treasurer Report	We were finally able to use the School Generated Funds last year.	
New Business	<p>Fundraising goal is to raise money through pizza days and the school store to fully fund school trips throughout the year.</p> <p>Fundraising policy is under-review and will be asking for feedback from school council.</p> <p>Breakfast/snack - Breakfast food must be kept in the</p>	

	<p>nutrition room and out of the halls/classrooms.</p> <p>Nutrition bins to begin Wednesday, Sept 27 to be delivered to each classroom and returned daily to the nutrition room. There will no longer be snack bins in the office, lunches will be provided from the principal's office.</p> <p>Elections: 1- H&S Representative 2- Community Members 7- Voting Members Chair – Sandra Co-Chair – Cam Secretary – Tania Treasurer – Nicole</p>	
Next Meeting Date/Time	Dates are TBD based on member's availability and will be posted as soon as we have a decision.	
Adjournment	11:58am	