



School Council Meeting

Date: November 20, 2023

Members Present: Tania, Sandra, Laura McKenzie, Nicole, Jenn, Jessie, Cam, Lynda, Mubina, Marco		
Regrets:		
Call to Order: 10:15am		
Agenda Item	Notes/Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and Introductions		
Review and Approval of Agenda	Cam motions to approve the agenda, Jenn Seconds, all in favour.	All attendees
Review and approval of previous minutes	Laura motions to approve the minutes, Jessie 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	<p>PRO grant \$1000 deadline is Jan 27th, 2024. Event using these funds must be conducted by June. We discussed reaching out to Janet about whether she is interested in assisting with another reading package to engage parents/guardians in assisting their students at home before we submit out application. We could potentially put the packages together ourselves if given a sample of the packages.</p> <p>Nutrition Program – Code of conduct is available on the schools website regarding expected behaviour in the nutrition room. We have a</p>	

	<p>nutrition lead who has their food handlers license and has control over the approval of preparation of food and final decision on how food is served. Volunteers of this program are asked to present a united front in front of the students and conduct these conversations with the nutrition lead in private. Proper labelling of dates must be added to food that has been previously frozen. (tape and markers to be provided) Use of the email chain is encouraged to address concerns if we're unable to discuss with principals or nutrition lead at the time.</p> <p>Green Venture – plan has been roughly drawn out for depaving areas to add more trees and low growing, low maintenance plants or wildflowers, as well as a place to add seating. Green venture could also help with the repainting of lines on our playgrounds. Learning gardens intended to be added to introduce students to pollinator plants. Could use the old raised garden bed area as an outdoor classroom.</p> <p>We need to reach out to the school board with a proposal before we can reach out to the city in line with the application deadline for green venture which is in January.</p> <p>Holiday Dinner – has been put on hold until next year, due to lack of resources and donations. Any collaborations must fall in line with the school boards policy.</p> <p>Discussion was made to change it to a “Holiday Sip and Sing” event for students. They will have the chance to still come together in the gym and be served hot chocolate and cookies and sing along to carols. Date: Dec 14th. Classes can help create decorations for the gym and volunteers</p>	
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	will be needed to set up, serve food, and for clean up at the end.	
Teacher Report	Winter artifact competition is upcoming. Students participated in the grey cup race from Gage park. Holiday concert is underway. Basketball tryouts are happenings soon. Honour band in on going, as well as the HPO program that will continue throughout the school year. POW Pop will be starting up for students as a safe space for LGBTQAI+ students during breaks.	Lynda Southon
Principal Report:	<p>Teacher/parent interviews were set up to discuss more about students academic work and less about behavioural concerns.</p> <p>POW awards are being given to students to acknowledge positive behaviours.</p> <p>Teachers are working on strategies to help continue building the wellbeing of students. Staff are education students on how to reword the use of slurs and helping them find more appropriate vocabulary to express themselves.</p> <p>Recess guardians is continuing. They'll be adding a cleaning aspect to help keep the school clean as a collective. There will be a time near the end of the day where the entire school will work together to blitz clean. The suggestion of added a fun song over the announcements was given for everyone to tidy during that time (ie. Mission impossible theme, etc.).</p> <p>Parents are reminded again to check in at the office. Parents are not permitted to wonder the halls and approach children. Access to the upper floors only when permitted to do so.</p>	M. Panju/ M. Lutterotti
Chair Report		Sandra Huculiak
Treasurer Report		
New Business	By-laws will be reviewed by the school council executives for any concerns or changes.	
Next Meeting Date/Time	January 22, 2024 10:10am	

Adjournment	11:.38am	
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