

October 17

Land Acknowledgment - Cyndi

Sustainable Transportation

- Staff visited the school October 16th morning
- Clean Air Hamilton booklet passed around
- Agreed charter that includes "safe travel plan" for schools
- 5 steps to plan - We have completed step 1, 2 and 3 and now are certified
- Students need to do the "hands up survey" and is an individualized action plan
- School has the report and needs to share it somehow
- There are discrepancies between school board data and the hands up survey
- Survey indicates some families may be looking for a more active way to get to school
- For more general information visit activeschooltravelhamilton.ca kelly.scott@hamilton.ca and our contact is Amal.
- Speed enforcement is part of the program

On a side note

- Green Venture has a "Fresh Air Program" for inside schools - Cyndi
- Maybe this report could go to Councilor Whitehead to help, maybe we could forward it as a council to his office
- Questions to Cyndi and she can forward
- Is being a specialized school, with students coming from all over, that was considered. Main idea is "walk a block" at a central dropoff

Teacher's Report - Heather Smiley

- Cross country went well, volleyball in full swing with 5 teams
- Lego robotics team has applied for a grant for equipment to start up with all girls then co-ed team
- Book Fair November 7th and 8th during parent teacher interviews and portion comes back to school
- Meet the staff night - Raffle baskets donated around \$1500 to Mac Kids
 - Suggestion to figure out a way to streamline tickets instead of writing name and number on every ticket
- Mitten drive is coming up (any outdoor clothing)
- Kindergarten and grade 1 Dyments
- Halloween parade - if it's dry outside - rain is a train through the school and small gym - After second N.B. on the 31st approx 1:30 - 1:45 start time
- Mrs. Varga connection to Andy's Sub shop - 6 inch sub for \$3.50 and \$1.00 goes back to school per sub - Maybe we could look for parent volunteers to help - possible once a month

Today's Family - Adam

- Mr. Singh - is leaving our site to another position
- Gina will be part of the staff to replace
- Autumn going into school age
- Paige moving to older school age children
- November 8th - trip planned
- Adam parental leave is coming up
- Winter break update coming

Old Business

Volunteers needed for lunches

New Business

Active Transportation earlier in agenda

Cyndi to email it out after it's updated

Fundraising ideas

- Ashley - Big Box of Cards with a variety of cards
- 33 cards for \$33 sold to families and we buy them for \$22
- Boxes are sent home for families to feel
- Non-returned boxes will split the cost of loss
- Prizes to top selling class plus gift cards from a draw
- There will be a few boxes on display on the 7th and 8th to be run by parent volunteers
- Money will support mental health and well-being
- Form needs to go home before the date
- Sub committee to take this over

Principal's Report

- Question and Answer
- Dyments trip is paid for by a grant
- EQAO - We are a public school and welcome everyone - we have intense programs to help students to be successful - PA days help teachers focus on math and early reading
- Oct 29th - "New Comer" night to welcome people with some hot beverages and how to read a progress report - Main goal is building community 1:30 to end (before end of day)
- Down to 2 LRT and down to 0.6 ESL teachers but up 35 kids since start of year

Jason Student VP

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Meeting Adjourned