

## **Minutes for Parent Council - October 18, 2022**

### **In attendance for meeting:**

Sherry Cope, Correna Caton, Jenn Burleigh, Leanne Tovey, Nancy Lloyd, Shayla Kellie, Jen Viveiros, Sabina Marrone, Justin Szajnowski, Stacey Davis, Chris Wright

**Student rep** - Jenn Viveiros will discuss with student council regarding future representation for parent council meetings. Possible rep - Sophia

**Daycare rep** - was not able to attend or provide updates for October meeting

### **Teacher report**

Stacey Davis representing primary/junior grades

- Runs recycling program
- Spoke of intramurals to involve younger students
- Board games for grades 3 to 8

Jenn Viveiros representing intermediate grades

- Extra curricular activities are back with a good response
- Students/Teachers are positive and happy to return to school
- Update on available student sports teams, student council, dance class, wellness Wednesday's, clubs and positive spaces
- Teachers expectations for devices being used at school
- Upcoming dance-a-thon and spirit days

### **Principal-Vice principal report**

- September start up went really well
- October reorganization happened beginning of the month
- Due to a large number of students in primary/junior, a split grade 2-3 class was created
- Our current school enrollment - 563 students
- 5 kindergarten classes, 8 primary, 11 junior/intermediate and 60 staff members
- School social worker is present within the school on Wednesdays
- Child and youth care practitioner is in the school daily
- ESL in the school 2 days/week
- New public health nurse in the school on Tuesdays for mental wellness and belonging
- Terry Fox run was a success raising well over \$1000 for cancer research
- School assembly October 14 where student DREAM awards were presented and student engagement was positive
- Monthly school newsletter will continue to be sent out electronically and will be posted on our school website which parents are encouraged to subscribe to

- Weekly happenings will be updated and posted on the school sign out front
- Use of technology should only be used at school as a learning tool during instructional time only when invited to do so by the classroom teacher, otherwise they should be stored away in lockers or backpacks. A progressive discipline plan has been set in place for those who misuse a device inappropriately
- School announcements are run by grade 7-8 students with students teaching students and shared throughout the year
- Announcements include daily inspirational quotes and a joke of the day
- All school announcements can be found on the white board outside of the office doors
- Picture retake day TBA
- Safe school response procedures have been completed with 3 mandatory fire drills for the fall and the first lockdown to happen October 20th at 2 pm
- Late school buses - a message has been sent out to parents to check the transportation website and to subscribe to receive messages regarding their child's late buses
- Bus arrival times have been pretty good so far this year, but there may be times when they are late
- Upcoming PA Day on October 24th - a voicemail reminder will go home
- Progress reports and kindergarten communication will go home with students on Friday, November 18th
- There will be no interviews being held and parents are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate teacher to discuss any concerns they may have with their child
- Keeping the lines of consistent communication open will support students with skills and opportunities
- Looking for more positive correspondence
- Possible strike for Ontario CUPE education workers TBA
- Letter for grades 7-8 students for NB #2 lunch time has been discussed with students to keep them safe. Students will no longer be able to leave the school to go to Tim Horton's, the park or other friends homes. The only students who have permission to leave at this time are students who are within walking distance to their homes or with parents picking their child up for lunch. All students are to return promptly by 1:55 pm

### **Budget**

- \$0 balance for parent council
- Student council budget is separate
- Student council popcorn and freezie sales going towards commencement

### **New Business**

- Nancy Lloyd presented a plan for an offsite dinner/dance for commencement
- No date or talks have been set for commencement

- In school grad committee will be set up later in the school year to see students interests/options and to incorporate inclusion
- Possible dress/suit donation
- A parent committee for a private commencement function **cannot** be attached to Ray Lewis
- Discussed an after school homework help club where high school students could help elementary students with homework while earning their required community hours for high school

### **Parent Council fundraising**

- Jenn Burleigh needs to submit fundraising plan by October 31
- Fundraising suggestions were anDea Chocolates, worlds finest chocolates, Krispie kreme donuts, grocery store bagging/donations, gift basket draws, flip give, pizza night and spring flower bulb/seeds
- Christmas Fundraiser - an online vote was sent out October 26 to voting members for anDea Chocolates to run mid November to beginning of December with anticipated revenue of \$4000 in funds to be put towards the Ray Lewis music dept
- Projected Spring Fundraiser (April) - an online vote was sent out October 26 to voting members for Krispie kreme donuts - Justin will look into details and anticipated revenue funds to be discussed at a closer date to the fundraiser
- **Both fundraisers were unanimously voted in favor of**

### **Student Council fundraising**

- McMillans fundraiser will run November 1-13
- Food drive in November
- Toy drive

Fundraising supports could be used for outdoor play equipment, student subsidies, nutrition program and parent donations for the underprivileged

### **\$500 parent engagement fund**

- Cookies and canvas painting
- Guest speakers

### **Next scheduled meetings to take place**

- November 22
- January 24
- February 28
- April 18
- May 16

All meetings will be scheduled for 6 pm in the school library