

February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Attendance: Yasmeen, Lesley, Kirsteen, Kruti, Pinky, Amanda, Kylie, Sheree, Allison, Colleen, Tanna, Asmaa, Jennifer

Staff: Stephanie Gear, Chris Hollingsworth, Maria Marino, Jaclyn Mitchell

Regrets: Naz, Saima, Sara, Steph Welton

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement (Kylie)

January meeting minutes approved: Asmaa & Sheree

Principal 's Report:

Mrs. Marino-

Enrollment: 705, anticipating 803 within 2 years

Update re: Board-wide Cyber Incident: No breach detected at this time, continue to investigate. As a result – report card deadlines have been changed. Report Cards will no be going home February 20th (instead of February 14th as previously scheduled)

Candy-Grams: Moving away from Theme & Faith Based Fundraising initiatives in favour of creating “Kodiak cards which will be paired with inclusive candy.

- Grade 8 Fundraising Committee is creating a Values Based Kodiak Card with each Value translated in our 7 languages.
- Kerr’s Candy to provide treats that are Made in Canada, Halal, Kosher, Vegetarian, No high fructose corn syrup, No modified or hydrogenated fats or oils, Peanut free, Tree-nut free, Gluten free, Plant-based.

Black history month:

- -Thank you Lesley – hoping to secure an assembly with Ainara Alleyne (Bishop Ryan student).
- Virtual Announcements with Black Excellence Focus for students and staff.
- CCPI Preamble shared with Staff, Since Nov 2024 our CCPI team has been featuring Local Black Excellence on our Weekly c correspondence with staff.
- Staff engaged in Social Identity Mosaic and reflected on best CRRP pedagogy and connect how this activity would look and feel as a Black Identifying student
- NEW TOOL for referring students: Student Asset Map which focuses on strengths

Mr. Hollingsworth- Robotics Update:

Now that Competition is complete, the school is looking to extend Robotics as an ongoing program for the school.

Working with Librarian and Robotic Educator Leads to re-imagine our Library as a Learning Commons which will have a STEM focus in addition to books.

Bookshelves purchased to separate imagination station from library/teaching area.

Goal to have a 6-day sessions to for each of grades 4-6

Showed some of the coding tools and toys that have been purchased for various age groups within the school in order to start integrating more STEM/Robotics opportunities across all age groups within the school.

FSL K-12 Program Consultant, Learning Services Lisa Reynolds who will be bringing in a Lego initiative to integrate STEM education for grades 5-9. Program is designed to support proficiency and engagement in French as well as encourage retention through connecting French language learning to real world STEM opportunities. The program will also be donating the Lego used for the “Lego En Francais” program to the imagination station/library once they are finished with it.

Mrs. Marino – Welcome back ULS (Universal Life Skills) training support staff to kinder class 132 – where they had an extra System DECE to support our learning. Including communication sent home to parents to help develop these skills. Virtual Parent workshops will be available to compliment the program.

Obtained an additional 0.5 teaching assistant in the AM.

Teacher’s Report:

Mrs. Mitchell:

- Grade 1 students will be receiving a book from the TD
- Today was the 100th day of school

Mrs. Gear:

- 1 large donation from HPL (60-70% were usable in the school library). Teachers were able to take the remaining books in their classrooms Another large pickup will be coming beginning of March.
- Lego donations have been generously received through the last month. (Mrs. Gear to take a picture and post on the website).

Chairs Report

Kylie:

- FlipGive Update: almost \$1300 cheque on the way, continue earning 😊
- Discussion re: Raffle Baskets for Spring Open House (May 8th)

- Divide up the classes and ask families for donations towards the raffle basket based on themes. (last year letter went out after March break)
- Large boxes dropped off in each classroom and donations collected by teachers (last year boxes were in classes in April)
- Volunteers needed for wrapping the baskets after hours the week of the week or so leading up to the Open House
- Tickets sold at open house
 - 1 for \$2
 - 3 for \$5
 - 8 for \$10
 - 20 for \$20
- Discussion had around ticket pre-sales (something we will look to explore)
- Donation letters for community members – Previously we did a Thank You Sign which was posted at the open house and provided recognition in the school newsletter for all community organizations.
- Reminder about upcoming Paramount Fine Foods kick back night on February 24th– mention Shannen Koostachin when you order and get 10% back for take-out and dine in that night.
- Volunteers required for movie night: Tanna, Aasma, Amanda, Colleen, Jen, Kylie, Ally
 - so far 75 tickets so far and 108 pizza slices
- Kinder Orientation – May 22nd school council table: volunteers needed. Allison+?
- Council run event for Spring (looking specifically at June)
 - Weekend vs weeknight (if weekend then we need to hire caretakers so extra costs would be incurred) therefore weeknight event is likely the preference.
 - Discussed other schools who host end of year picnics to celebrate the end of the year and bring the families together. 2-2.5 hours long from 5-7/7:30 after school
 - Discussion had around primary goal for event: community outreach or fundraising? No decision made but majority seemed to prefer a community outreach event with some paid elements which would hopefully ultimately cover the costs related to hosting
 - Lesley shared some best practices from Michaelle Jean's Spring Picnic :
 - Pizza with online pre-orders through school cash online
 - Food trucks
 - 360 photo booth (cost=\$450, provide link to digital photos)
 - Activities: cornhole, giant Jenga, potato sack races, facepainting, temporary tattoo station, craft table (favourite memory for the year), welcome to the school to incoming kinder students, snow cone/popcorn/cotton candy, fire trucks, beaver tales (10% back).
 - Money generating ideas: Pie in the face competition, bake sale
 - Face painter: Mrs. Ashley Fitzsimmons (daytime custodian), Amanda.

- Things seen at other events that we could consider: magician, reptile show, student demos (ie: band, robotics, etc), vendor tables, simple carnival games run by grade 8 students (\$5 entrance =stamp to play each carnival game once, with small prizes).
- Next meeting need to decide on date & rain date.

New Business/Questions:

- Request from Kruti for Mrs. Marino to outline guidelines for graduating awards.

****No meeting next month – Next Meeting April 7th****

Close Meeting: Colleen & Kirsteen