

SWL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2022

ITEM	NOTES
Attendance	<p>Mr. Gregory Moore – Principal Gillian Stafford - Vice Principal Melanie Collingwood -- Staff</p> <p>Jessica Walker – Chair Kimberley Donmoyer Fong – Treasurer Jessica Codd - Secretary Ashley Hinks DJ Gacic Kelly Harrison Natasha Ivetic Lucy Jindra Sandy Koudys Nicole Oliver Katie Fock</p>
Welcome Jessica Walker	<p>Jessica Walker & Mr. Moore organized a group exercise, dealing with the 3 pillars of School Council (Engaging community, improving student achievement & enhancing student life). Brainstorm activity by three mentioned above categories. Council members organized ideas by categories, brainstorm suggestions were recapped by Jessica Walker to group. (Jessica Walker has original copies of ideas). Ideas included but no limited to; knowledge of programs & resources available, principal for the day, community night to include local business, spirit days, leadership groups for younger grades, winter festival, more clubs, field trips, motivational speaker, community resource board for services available. Ms. Stafford noted SWL Rec centre has programs advertised for programs available. Noted by Katie & Natasha Public Health behind on responses to inquiries about services/programs. Jessica Walker(JW) suggested adding community board to Facebook page. Ideas for Community engagement, fun fair, adopt a grandparent, community night, BBQ, sponsored business events, game nights, newsletter in multiple language, math night, guest speakers, movie night. JW informed group new protocol prohibits BBQ. Greg Moore clarified facilities unable to accommodate BBQ, however bringing in catering truck/food truck or company that prepares their own food would be acceptable. Student Achievement suggestions; book reading challenge, pizza parties, science/math fair, student life classes, stem, enrichment clubs, awards, multilanguage materials, study group, monthly featured student, grade representatives. Mel Collingwood informed council of student voice for senior grades, will discuss with colleagues about opening to younger grades.</p>

<p>School Council Projected Plan Jessica Walker</p>	<p>Proposed plan was presented to Admin for Approval. Plan included fundraising opportunities (including projected funds and allocations of funds).</p> <p>Fundraisers proposed: Basket raffle to coincide with holiday event, funds going towards classroom libraries. Specialty basket donated by Sandy, for Hockey tickets. Funds directed towards commencement for that basket. Krispy Kreme fundraiser to be done in Spring, doughnuts to be delivered in time for Easter, funds directed towards laptops to replace iPads.</p> <p>Commitment made last year for \$1000 towards commencement and \$1500 towards field trips. Gillian Stafford asked for clarification on how field trip funds would be distributed. Angel funds and \$2 subsidy discussed. Kimberly Fong inquired how Angel fund was distributed. Gillian Stafford explained admin/staff works together when needs are identified. Kelly Harrison inquired about average cost per student per trip, Greg estimated \$15 per student minimum. Katie Pock inquired about other opportunities to put funds towards. Recommended small size Jerseys to be added for teams. Greg Moore specified that staff should be approaching Admin about needs prior to approaching Council. Gillian Stafford acknowledged need to update uniforms, and it is being investigated.</p> <p>Food Days, recognized need by Admin. Vendors to be scouted, reusable money bags for each class for order forms, class lists for tracking, Treasurer will track funds deposit with Carla, HAT team and volunteers to distribute on day of.</p> <p>Pro Grant, Cookies & Canvas night. Instructor to lead class, cookies because JW likes cookies. Goal is to make Admin & Staff accessible, fun engagement. Concern of childcare, possibly tap into high school for volunteer hours. Paperwork needs to be organized quickly. Goal is a fun creative night in the Gym. Cost would depend on number of attendees. Pro Grant is \$1000.</p> <p>Motivational/Guest speakers, two speakers presented. Speaker 1, worldwide speaker, anti-bullying, author, rapper, focused on mental health, and black Canadian students. Cost could be supplemented by Lucy, as well as personal relationship may give discount. Speaker 2, actress from Today's Special, board recognized, teacher, singer, descendant of first black family in Hamilton. Underground railroad, artifacts. Two-part demonstration, parents welcome, church visit for second part. Suggested time for Black History month. Inquiry from Kelly about time of day, during day or night for parents would work, and could be used for community engagement.</p> <p>Breakfast of Champions, paired with ROAR awards, students recognized would have breakfast with homeroom teacher and Principals. Celebrate and recognition of achievements.</p> <p>Staff Focus (monthly) on social media & newsletter - Focus on unique programs offered at SWL, Teacher highlights, fun facts, gives parents opportunities to learn more about school. DJ offered to help with newsletter, Gillian has general newsletter in progress.</p>
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	<p>Admin receptive to proposal, requesting time to reflect. Fundraising ideas of Baskets & Krispy Kreme approved. Food days approved, once a month to start. Greg will approach staff about Holiday event. No current covid/public health restrictions. Move forward with Pro Grant for cookies & canvas.</p> <p>Parent engagement funds of \$500 for this year. Brainstorm ideas and revisit.</p> <p>Katie suggested funding police checks to encourage more volunteers. Greg will put a blast out for information on police checks, volunteering etc. Greg unsure of need for volunteers. Revisit allocation of funds next meeting.</p> <p>Projected plan was curated by outgoing council members prior to the start of current Council.</p>
Principals Report Mr. Moore	<p>Follow up last meeting; School cash online information sent out to families. Tutoring supports, grades 3&6 math blasters. Junior phonics grades 4-6, 4 staff members signed up 20 students' total. Teacher recruitment to start shortly.</p> <p>New items; Grad wear available. School messenger utilized more than paper, email able to translate directly, very inclusive. Courtyard beautification underway. EQAO-out today report from last year reviewed next meeting. School secure drills planned and started. Fire drills, hold & secure done lockdown to be done later. Katie inquired about after discussion for kids who need it re PTSD. Mel reports conversations come up organically in classes, admin doesn't see current need for support. Attendance monitoring program, hope for more accountability. Every two months letter sent to families about barriers around attendance. Parents to follow online screening protocol. Admin wants to set a comfortable, inviting atmosphere for staff, students and parents/care givers.</p>
Staff Report – Ms Collingwood	<p>PD Day- new reading techniques, reintegrating phonics into program. Training for tutoring, student profiles for junior grades. Program starting next week. Six-week commitment, goal 3x week for 1 hour.</p> <p>Halloween dance on Monday (Oct 31) - Grades to be time slotted, games/activities set up for students not observing Halloween.</p> <p>Upcoming PD Day Nov 25. All sports still underway from last meeting.</p>
New Business	<p>Decorations needed for dance, non scary items only. Jessica Codd to connect with Mr. Peterson. Katie suggested fog machine, Mr. Moore concerned with off gas smell in confined area, declined use of fog machine.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday, November 30th 6-7:30pm</p>