

## **SWO School Council Agenda/Minutes -Oct. 6, 2022 5pm \*515 start**

**Attendance:** T. Walsh, U. Qureshi (Mrs. Walsh taking Minutes & Chairing)

Rebecca Hoo (in person), Meghan Smith, Lisa Richter, Rich Gelder (MS Teams)

**Regrets:** teacher rep Karen Wilkins

**\*\*Council Election:** no current candidates except voting members\* will have a table at open house set up with forms of interest and role responsibilities to raise awareness \*SC members wondering if it is the time commitment that is causing reservations about positions -try to keep council meetings and events as simple and positive as possible to gather further interest

**Chair/co chair-**

**Secretary-**

**Treasurer-**

**Member at Large-**

**Voting Members-** Richard Gelder, Rebecca Woo, Lisa Richter (if no interest, Meghan and Lisa may consider co-chairing, Richard open to secretary role if necessary)

**Principal's Report:** T. Walsh

-VP full time this year, P was on leave in spring with others replacing

-classrooms focusing on reimagining wellness and a sense of community -involving and encouraging students to make connections

-assessments are underway to address and shorten any gaps from remote/pandemic

-Reorg-Oct 7 – 34a to 3a, 5a to 45 a and move from 219-136, F67a -F6B, 31 students \*working on student/family wellbeing -recognize transitions after month of school can be disruptive -\*in all of HWDSB -Fall 2023 students will be able to see who class teacher is the Friday before school starts vs June report card- support all in building new teacher/student/peer relationships

-picture day is Oct. 7th

-progress reports go home November 18<sup>th</sup>

-meet the staff -Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 530-630 -come see staff and school -not the time to enquire about child's progress -please make apt with classroom teacher to further discuss

-Terry Fox raised over \$4000 -thank you to all of our community for generosity

-an exciting return to extra curriculars up and running -student and staff voice -slo and three pitch just ended, cross country and volleyball and primary junior swim team, band under way

-Fundraising plan -what does the school want to spend money on? -mental health and social wellbeing, technology in the classroom -can adjust throughout year.

-Student leadership focus this year, lunch monitors, recess pals and activities,

-Lunch box program to start shortly (pre-order for month) -pizza, subs, -through school cash online \*SC members would like to see offered 1x/week -alternating choice, meets nutrition guidelines -no volunteers required, items will come pre-packaged and labeled -east side marios was on the list although can not accommodate at lunch time \*would also like to have donation option for those who may need support for a purchase -Lunch purchases may be rounded to nearest dollar if setting aside for fundraising or students who need support

-one fire drill completed, one response to an alarm completed and counted as a drill- \*SC thankful that all procedures followed for safety, rain could be a reality in a real fire, grateful for timely communication from school that day.

-police, fire, ambulance presence will be communicated to whole community -\*SC much appreciated for timely communication

### **New Business: discussions during meeting:**

-will there be a Halloween parade? -will follow Board guidelines

-will there be overnight/away trips eg. Camp, out of province -will follow Board guidelines

-how can parents of students volunteer their time -volunteer package must be completed and vulnerable sector check completed- teachers need to be open to having a volunteer, should volunteer in classes child is not in

-grade 4/5 lockers appreciated by parents -especially with move to first floor

-will there be an open house in the spring? Yes, details to follow

-can there be wonder/reading buddies in school to help build full school connections

-can we invite community leadership visits as partners in school eg. Air cadets, Dundas Lion's club etc. -yes, please contact admin.

-reminders to families regarding No Dogs on Property -\*SC members surprised to still see families bringing pets on property -communication of expectations is clear from admin.

**Meeting adjourned: 6:15pm**

**Next Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30pm**