



AGENDA
Yorkview School Council Meeting
December 17th, 2018 6:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions. In attendance Brian Gauthier, Mr. Degner, Mr. Puppa, Megan Medlock, Samantha Cliff, Majdi Qutob, Brianne St Louis, Alison Venizia (DVCP), Sabrina Press, Amy Taylor, Sean and Lily Ernst, Ms. Jessica Cross
2. Minutes from Nov 2018 approved
3. Role of Reading specialist- Ms. Jessica Cross in attendance to discuss the role of the reading specialist at Yorkview. The role primarily involves working with kindergarten and Gr 1 students, helping students learn to read and assisting teachers in meeting the individual needs of students. Under mandate of Early Learning Strategy document from HWDSB, her 5 main objectives include- focus on assessment, targeting gaps, interventions (individual and whole class). Ms. Cross is available to help parents as well.
-Discussion around potential role of school council in providing books and disseminating information about engaging children in reading and strategies to help parents
4. Principal's Update- a) update on recent PA Day- teacher professional development focused on math- based on EQAO data to identify needs and highlight potential gaps in current practice. Learning focused on Level 2 and lower results- "thinking" component questions were identified as the biggest weakness (ie multi-step reasoning)
b) Positive Culture and Wellbeing- Review of validation strategy- a way of conveying understanding of child's emotional experience, then helping with coping strategies
c) Upcoming holiday concert- 9am and 130pm
d) Staff update- Mrs Grantham back from maternity leave, Ms Terziev doing supply work
5. Teacher update- Toy and food drive finishing this week
-Laura from Greenventures came to follow up on outdoor classroom planning with staff and students, to be funded with recently awarded grant
6. Advocacy update- facilities HWDSB- will attend the meeting on Jan 21- committee to set priority list along with staff
7. Environmental Stewardship committee update
 - a) Received cheque from TD for outdoor classroom
 - b) ASST update. Ride Smart Program update- awaiting response from New Hope bikes
 - c) Winter Walk Day February 6
8. Fundraising

- Holiday Market update- \$876 raised, suggestions for next year- younger children go first?
Limiting items? Pricing higher?)
- spirit wear apprx \$300 profit
- Dance-a-thon Thursday, proposed for Feb 14

9. Financial update/Budget Committee update- deferred

10. DVCP- successful gingerbread house decorating fundraiser held recently
- still low in enrollment numbers but improving as of January 2019, looking for ways to increase recruiting (24mo-5 years)
 - major fundraiser January 18, 2019 630-800pm, Mickey Mouse Disco

11. Next Meeting- Monday, January 21, 630pm