

Meeting start time: 6:30PM-7:15PM

Attendance: Emily Delisle; Erica Eugenio; Christina Steer; Becky Clark, Leen Al-Habash; Kate Languedoc (VP); Sameeha Salih, Kimberly Spira, Marina Harrison (Principal)

#### Principal's Report

- Dance Program (Each class had three dance sessions – seemed well received by students). School is always able to support financially those who may not have the means to pay for this cost.
- Was looking into having a Guest Speaker for intermediaries, however, due to restrictions this cannot go ahead, at this time.
- School was looking for ways to start up some extracurriculars, but it is all paused right now due to the rise in Omicron variant.
- There is a new Superintendent – Belal Taha, who is moving from York Region District School Board.
- Lunch Days – We can move forward with some lunch days (Looking into Milk (possibly every day) and pizza (on Fridays) and subways (on Wednesdays). Still trying to sort out who can do distribution. Pita Pit is not an approved vendor yet.
- Winter Walk Day – February 2, 2022 – Granola bars for all (Marina purchased around 500 granola bars from Costco for this event).

One Fundraising event has happened – Fundscrip (estimate of profit is between \$900 to \$1800)

Bank Balance: \$1659.08 (According to Esther and Kate). Esther found the process labour intensive due to order form not being clear enough and had to call parents to confirm purchases. Emily mentioned it may be more effective to buy gift cards online.

Yard Greening has been completed. Students are not respecting trees and maybe hanging off branches of the trees, as they do not appear very hardy. Decision by Marina is to put a hold on tree watering in the summer. Tree watering costs \$3000 every summer. Marina has indicated she may be able to take this on over the summer with some help from staff (possible rotation) in an effort to save funds for students initiatives.

A survey is in process called the “WHY Survey” which focuses on the equity and inclusion of students, parents, and staff. This was to see if people felt included etc. The students (grade 4-8), Staff and parents fill out the survey to inform the bullying prevention plan, events in the school, where communication is needed or lacks etc. The link will be sent out in February. Parents will get it this week and have to the opportunity to fill it out within a month's time.

Level of Absentees were only 17 last week (mostly due to already planned excuses for holidays). Today 7 kids were away. Seems like level of absents has reduced after the winter break.

Looking for lunchroom supervisors. You are paid minimum wage + 4% vacation pay. 10:00-10:45 and 12:25-1:10 are two shifts that are available.

Sensory Path – there is an issue with the surface that it is put on. Hoping to put this on in spring break (possibly on the tiles out of the gym during the March Break). However, Kate mentioned that the tiles

may pose a safety risk. Kate mentioned in the previous school she worked, they looked into roll away sensory mats. The roll away sensory mats could be useful for a long time, as it would not face damage from winter boots and heavy traffic.

Grade 8s can possibly fundraise for their graduation event. A drive by graduation may be the best route, but things can always change. A dance would cost 10-20\$ per person.

Next meeting could be help in April/May.