

Meeting Date: Wednesday April 7th, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Attendance:

Amy Wood
Andrea Thomas
Carol Harfst
Clarissa Livingstone
Deborah McBride
Jen Tewkesbury
Karen Lowhar
Laura Briggs
Lori Cockell
Melanie Canning
Sandy Archibald
Sarah Klassen
Stephanie Balogh
Tobi Williams-Glew
Tracee Nemeth
CC: Ida Sommerville,

Land Acknowledgement

Approve and Accept Minutes from last meeting - APPROVED

Treasurer's Report

- **February Opening Balance \$4,980.56**
- ***Expenditures since Jan 20th SCC Meeting***
 - Gift/Flowers for Ms. Giddings \$97.59
 - Gift Card for Nailed it \$100
 - Gift Cards for Scavenger Hunt \$100
- ***Income since Jan 20th SCC Meeting***
 - Recipes in a Jar \$162
 - Tru Earth \$182.83
 - Mabel's Labels \$51.03
- **March Closing Balance \$5,078.83**

Principal's Report

Success

- Registration continues for Junior Kindergarten for 2021-2022 school year
- Welcome to Kindergarten will be virtual, TBD
- Grade 8 Graduation-TBD, information and guidelines coming from DDSB after Spring Break
- DDSB@Home will be an option to families for September 2021; details to be communicated in the coming weeks
- Staffing for 2021-22 currently on hold
- Student class placements will take place in June; input from families will be taken into consideration- to be sent in May; requests for specific teachers will not be accepted

Well-Being

- SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Programme for Grades 7/8- 18 sessions beginning mid-May, delivered by Well-Being Youth Workers (i.e. Stress Management and Coping Skills, Healthy Relationships, etc.)
- Spirit Days- Week of March 15-19
- Grade 7/8 Free Throw Competition

Leadership

- Staff continuing to support one another by sharing resources and building capacity with resources
- Staff sharing of best practices at staff meetings

Equity

- Daily announcements continuing focusing on Equity- i.e. April is Sikh Heritage Month, Autism Awareness Month
- Black History Month guest presenters- Steel Pannist- Earle La Pierre (JK/SK); Author Ekiuwa Aire (Grades 1-4), STEM Panel for Grades 5-8
- Grade 7/8- The Cypher Conference- Black Empowerment Webinar Series (i.e. Anti-Black Racism, Microaggressions, Bias)

- Regular messaging in staff memos and meetings highlighting resources for Equity and Anti-Black Racism (i.e. Dr. Nicole West Burns: Building Critical Consciousness For Educational Equity: https://www.ted.com/talks/nicole_west_burns_building_critical_consciousness_for_educational_equity)
- Voluntary after school Staff Book Club- *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo- 12 staff participating
- Black History Month Poster Competition to highlight the achievements and contributions peoples of African descent have made to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Pink Shirt Day- February 24
- Intermediate Literature Circle books with Equity/ Social Justice foci

Engagement

- Monthly Celebration Virtual Assemblies
- Weekly School Messenger sent to families
- Spring Food Drive

Innovation

- 24 additional Chromebooks ordered for Grades 4 and 5 (back ordered and still awaiting delivery)
- Classroom Innovation: Ontario Skills Competition; Financial Literacy; Dance and Music tied to cultures and identities of students; virtual online whiteboards- Whiteboard.fi; Vimy Ridge virtual presentation by Whitby Library; various virtual workshops through AGO and ROM

New Business

- Follow-up on Community Engagement Initiatives
 - One Word Video – 32 participants
 - Scavenger Hunt – 8 families
 - Valentine's Nailed It! – 49 submissions
- Update on Fundraising Initiatives:
 - True Earth – goes until end of June
 - Mabel's Labels - ongoing
 - Recipes in a Jar – do we want to do this again?
- Provide another **\$50 to teachers/classrooms - VOTE YES**
 - Purchase for this year (chalk) and/or in preparation for next fall (balls, skipping ropes, etc.)
 - Survey students to see if they would want one or two basketball nets when the tarmac gets painted
- MusicPlay license - **\$200 - VOTE YES**
- Friendship/Buddy Bench initiative – cost would be around \$800 – discussion, we will discuss again in future.
- Teacher Appreciation Day May 4th – Approx. 45 staff, the SCC will divide and write personal cards. **Budget \$250 - VOTE YES**
- Grade 8 and SK graduation – what does grad look like this year and will support be required? TBD
- Is there any direction from the DDSB as to what the school year will look like next year? Virtual is available again for next year

Thank you for attending! Next meeting is May 26th, 2021