



Parent Council Meeting
February 26, 2024 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library & WebEx

Attendance:

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Keith Munro
Kim Docherty
Tonya Cowle
Mary Heenan
Samantha Dennis
Amy Campbell
Tracey Leeson

Ashley Graham
Kate Dunford
Beth Morgan
Noni Chowdhury
Katie Jones
Becky Mills
Matt Maloney

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Approval of, and business arising from the previous minutes – Kim Docherty
- Principal's Report – Lorena Haley-Twiss/Mary Heenan
- Teacher's Report – Tracey Leeson
- Fundraising Report – Ashley Graham
- Student Nutrition Report – Samantha Dennis
- Treasurer's Report – Matt Maloney
- New Business
 - Playground Update – Kim
 - Open Table
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:35pm

- **Welcome** - Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to another parent council meeting. Kim also welcomed back Principal Lorena-Haley-Twiss from her absence.
- **Land Acknowledgement** (Kim Docherty) *We would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the First Nations of this territory, for their care for, and teachings about, the land,*

the water, and all our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our Treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history.

- **Previous Minutes – Kim Docherty**
 - Kim asked the group if there is any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion. No additions or revisions noted. Minutes approved by Amy Campbell and seconded by Ashley Graham.

- **Principal Report – Mary Heenan**
 - See attached
 - Staffing Update – Lots of movement
 - School Play Update – same dates but smaller production.
 - EQAO – Grade 3 & Grade 6 – May 13th & June 3rd
 - Anti-Bullying Update – staff and visiting principals have been a big help – communication has been key with what is happening and with who. Speaker Chris Gray was a very positive influence on students & staff.
 - Talking about installing sod in the ‘mudpit’ where the old portable was.
 - Extra-curricular activities (sports) have been targeted to Grade 5 & 6. Parents would like to see Grade 4s included as they are feeling excluded.
 - Outside activities are being considered for students. Lorena looked at having basketball hoops installed on the exterior walls, board said that was no longer allowed. Outdoor equipment is needed both inside & outside.

- **Teachers Report – Tracey Leeson**
 - Teachers are looking for assistance with equipment for the gym as well as for outside use
 - Council will require a list of items with monetary amount being asked for (ie. 50 hockey sticks for \$500).
 - Council had spoken about completing a used equipment fundraiser. Will this help with any items being asked for?
 - Lorena & Mary will prepare a list with teachers and the teacher representative will come back with a list and amount at next meeting.

- **Fundraising Update- Ashley Graham**
 - By Sweetness (decorating cookie company)– 10 cookie kit, comes with 8 edible markers. 35% of every kit comes back to the school. \$3100 with free shipping. \$22 for a kit – online ordering, shelf stable.
 - Discussion from council members was this is a neat idea, however cookie dough would be more well received then cookie decorating.

- o Cookie Dough – online ordering will be key. These will be big orders, have stipulations on staying cold and how long we can hold onto them. Volunteers will be required. Ashley will research a couple companies and will follow up via email to decide and get started.
 - o Other fundraisers ideas: Movies (not feasible), Dance-a-thon – yes if possible, would like Jimmy as DJ again (Kim will reach out). Possible May date to be proposed. Follow up at next meeting.
- **Nutrition Program – Samantha Dennis**
 - o Went to other schools to see how the nutrition programs are run.
 - o Cereal Drive – post on EDSBY this week and end before March Break. Classes will receive tickets for a raffle for a pizza day. Cereal will also be a part of a school wide dominos game.
 - o Approval to shop at other stores has been a success!
 - o Can you purchase hot lunch for other families? YES! You can do it through School Cash Online or you can come into office and drop off gift cards/cash. You can also donate through School Cash Online directly to the Student Nutrition Program. Anything is appreciated!
- **Treasurer’s Report – Matt Maloney**
 - o Account is at roughly \$71,272.80. Nothing is going in or out at this point.
- **New Business**
 - o Playground Update
 - On schedule for April install (weather dependent). Communication to the school community would be appreciated.
 - o Edge Imaging Breach in Alberta. Has there been any news about Ontario schools being affected? No indication that any Ontario schools have been breached. This was not a breach at Edge Imaging but at a third-party company for yearbook creations for the 2022/2023 & 2023/2024 years.

Next meeting is set for Monday March 25, 2024 at 6:30pm– EHPS Library & Online

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn – 1st Amy Campbell, 2nd Ashley Graham

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.