March 6, 2019

In attendance: Alex Ricci, Leah Mortensen, Heather Reid, Sabeen Hussain, Sarah Aitken, Peter Gates, Marc Lehmann

Presentation by Alex Ricci, School Travel Planning Facilitator with STSWR (Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region):

- Assists the school with traffic issues, students walking to school, cycling to school, signage
- Will work together with the team to help solve concerns
- Feedback sought from School Council:
    - pedestrian traffic is also an issue
    - concern raised around absence of stop signs
    - Sabeen has spoken to Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre
    - Organization of a walk-to-school day
- Suggestion by Alex to speak to the city, pedestrian training, a-frame sign, by-law enforcement, complete a family survey
- Dates will be shared with School Council so that all can observe along with community stakeholders

Teacher report:

- Boys' basketball team had a very successful season this year and were part of a clinic today, conducted by the GCI coach and students
- Pink Shirt (anti-bullying) Day was celebrated on Feb. 27. Kindness pledge (banner) signed by staff and students
- Tomorrow, the gr. 6-8s go to Chicopee for a day of tubing/skiing/snowboarding
- Our spirit day committee has declared Friday to be Beach Day; March 21 is Crazy Sock Day in support of Down Syndrome Day
- Approximately 65 gr. 6-8 students will be attending our free Tim Horton leadership camp at Camp Onondaga in St. George from March 19-22. Special thanks to Ms. Lapalme for all of her organization and to our teachers for joining the students. A second camp date is scheduled for April 30-May 3

Principal's Report:

- Staffing: Ms. Passalidis will complete her occasional position on Friday. Mrs. La-Reeve will return full-time after mid-winter break
- Facility: Our manager of facility services stopped in today to look at a few of our projects. A new door will be installed in the girls' change room over the mid-winter break. Some painting is also slated to take place to touch up several areas in the near future
- Mid-winter break is March 11-15. Our extended day satellite site will be Tait St. P. S.
- The PD freeze has been extended through the remainder of the year as a result of the volume of unfilled jobs in the system. The Board is addressing this concern by continuing

to hire additional Occasional teachers and getting Teacher Education Candidates to fill the roles on an emergency basis
- Our new walkie-talkies are being well used by our team of Educational Assistants and key individuals at school. These have reduced the need for whole school pages and disruptions to the entire school.
- Math consultant Ed Enns and Learning Support Teacher Lori Williams are continuing to work with teachers on their own time
- Gr. 7 postponed Meningitis immunization took place today. Second dose of HPV and hep B will be administered on April 17
- ISPA immunization suspension day for elementary students is on March 27. Two notices are sent home and a third, if necessary, will be hand-delivered to each child still on the list
- Gr. 8 graduation photographs were also taken today
- Q & A?

Fundraising/Financials:

- Daily draws have been taking place with a final 5 lb. chocolate bar being won by one of our Kindergarten students. Winning class for pizza party is Ms. Glebe's; second prize for an ice cream party goes to Mrs. Haggett's. Top prizes will be announced on Friday. Since there was a tie for second, a draw was made to declare a clear second and third place winner
- Approximately $5,400 in profits. Thanks to Peter and Patsy Gates for all of their hard work with our fundraiser
- Current School Council account balance: $21,990.83 + March 5 deposits ($404.85 for pizza and $6,173.45 for chocolate bar fundraiser

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019