

Oct. 9, 2019

Members present: M. Lehmann, J. Georgiou, P. & P. Gates, F. Abikar, S. Aitken, L. Mortensen

Regrets: S. Hussain

Teachers' report (M. Saulnier):

Upcoming/Ongoing Events Around Avenue Road

- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser - we are excited about adding to our music/arts program and are grateful for all of your efforts in supporting us with this!
- We will be beginning our Gratitude Hero Gem with a kick off assembly on Friday before students are off for Thanksgiving
- Room 13 and 20 have trips to the mall for a movie this month
- The gym will be used for the Federal Election on Oct 21st
- The kindergarten team will be hosting a Family Literacy night on Oct 23rd for parents and children
- Eastwood (high school focused on arts programming) will visit Avenue Road on the 30th for any of our interested grade 8 students
- 31st - we will have our costume parade in the AM - kindergarten classes will be visiting Shantz Family Farm on this day
- Intramurals have been up and running along with a girls football team - a group of dedicated EA's and staff are also putting together an after school club for our intermediates to come and spend time or get homework help (more info on this will come at November's meeting)

Thank You's

- Another big thank you for the 200\$ towards field trips per class - our staff are so appreciative as this funding provides us with the ability to extend the children's learning and experiences into the community (this is something we may not always be able to do without the extra money)
- Thank you for all of your efforts with pizza days! We see the volunteers and are so grateful - the children are equally grateful, they love pizza!
- Thank you for supporting our arts program (music) with the Krispy Kreme Initiative

Principal's Report (M. Lehmann):

- Staffing updates: Ms. Forbes is our new itinerant Fail to Fill job LTO (long-term occasional teacher). Avenue Road is her home school so she will be with us unless another school from the group of five require her. Ms. Bunn is our newly-hired K1 teacher. She began on October 1.
- Facilities: a new cabinet/countertop were installed for our two sinks in the primary/junior wing

- Grounds: several loads of sand have been added to our Kindergarten creative playground. We are currently looking to install a couple of posts to create an outdoor volleyball court
- Health & Safety: monthly workplace inspections continue to take place. Any health & safety issue is brought to the attention of the Workplace Inspection Team (Mrs. Boug, Mr. Melrose, Ms. Sleeman or Mr. Lehmann). Some examples of hazards cited for School Council
- All staff emergency binders were updated at this afternoon's team meeting
- Our final fire drill of the fall will take place tomorrow
- Student Achievement: EQAO data highlights shared. Information is now public and can be accessed on [the EQAO website](#). Avenue Road is a "wraparound school" this year, which means that we will be obtaining additional central supports to dig into our data and work together to better support our students' learning needs. Our first session takes place tomorrow with a focus on primary literacy and junior mathematics
- *Strong Start* Letters, Sounds and Words program starts soon. We have a total of four volunteers, including our very own Mrs. Peters
- Progress report cards will go home on November 11th
- Request for \$348.00 for Shade's Mills K-4 visits. Proposal shared with School Council members

Financials and Fundraising:

- Current balance is \$10,306.03. This amount includes payment of last year's trips as well as School Council's commitment to our student planners
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser just began on Monday. Pick-up will take place at the school on Oct. 24th beginning at 3:30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2019