

January 8, 2020

In attendance: Marc, Kate, Patsy, Sabeen, Leah, Emily, Vanessa, Sarah, Faduma

Regrets: Peter

Strike action update:

- ETFO currently in phase 2 work-to-rule strike action. Focus is on administrative tasks
- No additional field trips being planned for now
- OSSTF strike action has had an impact on our custodial and secretarial staff, which resulted in the two Wednesday school closures before the winter break
- Marc reiterated that what we are experiencing is normal for contract negotiations in a unionized environment and that all parties look forward to a quick resolution

Community Representative's update update (Emily Jaarsma):

Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre www.greenwaychaplin.com

- Information shared regarding PA day and March Break opportunities
- Registration now open for March Break camp
- Volunteer opportunities exist for future High School students. Applications will be on website
- Leadership training to take place over March Break as well
- Subsidies are available for families with economic challenges
- "Blue park" is being replaced by City of Cambridge in 2020. This is the one by the baseball diamond, off school property

Teachers' report:

- We were very excited about our school celebration where we performed the last day before break
- The Kindergarten classes would like to thank you very much for both providing funding for Shades Mills and the bus for our December trip. It was AMAZING. (Photographs taken by the group were shared by Marc)
- Intermediate sports teams (basketball) are continuing, students have been practicing hard - usually early in the morning :)
- Auditions, casting and stage crew for our school musical Alladin have been in full swing thanks to Mrs. Dixon. Dates are being firmed up in the next week
- Kindergarten registration for new Lions starts Jan 13th
- SK vision screening will take place next week as well
- We are all excited to tune into Mr. Lehmann's Facebook live from school building in the Dominican on January 16th. The students have also loved popcorn on Fridays
- Jan 24th we have our assessment PD Day as term 1 report cards approach for our Lions

Principal's Report (M. Lehmann and K. Sleeman):

- Staffing: Ms. Christina Wall has just begun her Long-term Occasional contract in our ACE B class while Mrs. Jones is on leave for the remainder of the year.
- Facilities: Our gym overhead projector has been repaired and is back in operation. Mr. Melrose has worked hard over the holiday to follow up on some other upgrades, including the installation of a larger sink in the primary hallway and door hardware (locks, latches and catches)
- Grounds: No updates
- Health & Safety: No updates
- Popcorn Fundraising Fridays have been very popular and give students the opportunity to see their money go towards supporting local and global causes. Marc will be taking supplies to the Dominican Republic next week. Following the DR school initiative, proceeds will go towards supporting a Special Olympian as the Waterloo Region will be hosting this year's games. \$500 has been issued by the school for the "Draft-an-athlete" program

Discussions and any other business:

- WRAPSC agenda shared and discussion opened up around the issues of
 - Human Trafficking curriculum
 - Cannabis & Vaping in schools
 - School Mental Health Ontario Resources
- Recommendations to School Council to submit any feedback to Marc who will pass it along to Ms. Ward, our mental health lead
- PRO Grant has been submitted. Ideas surrounding a health fair were solicited
- Request made to fun intermediate division stationary bicycle and tray. Total cost for X-Momentum spin bike is \$961; tray is \$129.95 for a total ask of \$1090.95
- School Council approved the purchase of 2 bikes (Marc later discovered that the work tray is not available for this model and the total cost will be \$2,171.86. Bikes are on order)
- Chocolate bar fundraiser discussion. Patsy to get in touch with representative. Daily prizes will be drawn. Each box sold will provide students with a prize ticket. Top seller and top 3 classes will also receive a prize. Timeline for fundraiser will be from Monday, Feb. 10-21
- Question raised about school water bottles. Marc to include these on our future spiritwear web page (email was sent to GMP Sportswear on Jan. 9 with this request)
- Question raised about alternative to sand on creative grounds. Marc to investigate with Grounds department and will look at cost. School Council expressed an interest in funding this option in the future

Financials and Fundraising:

- Current balance is \$12,340.40

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 6:30-7:30pm

