

Feb. 12, 2020

***In lieu of a physical meeting, the following information was shared electronically by M. Lehmann/K. Sleeman and E. Jaarsma**

School updates:

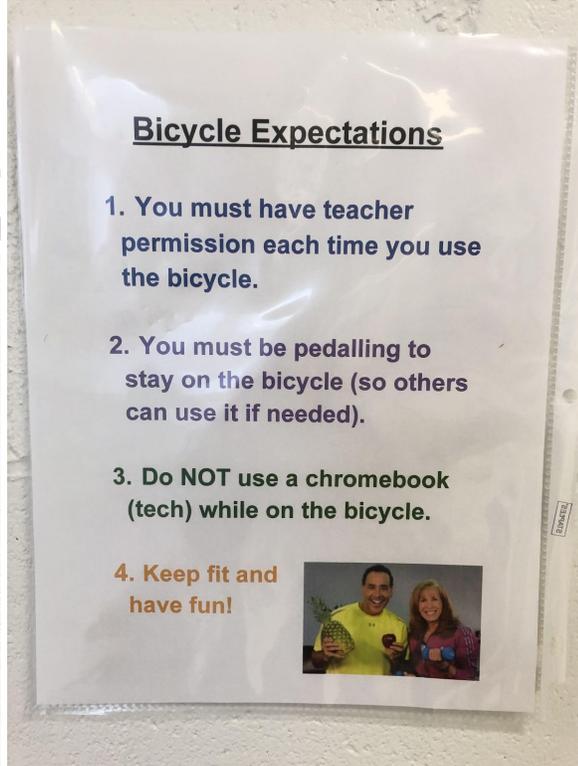
As you probably all know, **phase 5 work to rule sanctions** are still in place. ETFO is holding weekly province-wide strike days and local rotating strike days. The union representing secondary school teachers (OSSTF) is continuing with rotating strikes, which affects us when taking place in our region (in the WRDSB, elementary custodians, secretaries and library clerks all fall under OSSTF; the school board has deemed it unsafe for schools to operate in their absence and made the decision to close school to students on these days). Currently, there is a pause on extracurricular activities and field trips. It's always best to obtain accurate information directly from the WRDSB or Avenue Road websites. Although everyone looks forward to an agreement being reached, the mood in the school is very positive and we are all working on making the best use of our time in order to maximize student learning.

We now have our **school spiritwear** link ready to go. A representative will be dropping off some sample products for sizing and then I will send out a message on School Day to access the link at GMP Sportswear. Moving forward, I am hoping to open up the spirit wear order link some time after school begins every September and then once again in the winter/spring. What we have done is incorporated a small amount per item (\$1-2) that will come back to the school in fundraising money. Naturally, we will inform our community of this when we send the information out.

On the topic of fundraising, our **popcorn fundraiser** continues every Friday. We strive to use this money for local and global causes. It has also given many of our students the opportunity to handle money, learn about customer service and organize a small event. Currently, our focus will be on sponsoring our special Olympian for the spring games.

As I already mentioned in a previous email, we hope to hold a **School Council wellness event** for our community on the evening of Thursday, May 21st. The vision is to have various community members who could provide a service or activity to make this a success. This could mean that someone sets up a booth or conducts an activity. We have booked the gym, library and several classrooms for this purpose. If you have anyone in mind, please feel free to reach out to them and see what they could offer for the evening. We could use some of our funds to pay individuals but I would hope that most could do this free of charge. Additionally, we want to bring in some food as this is always a big draw for our community! As we hear from you, we can collectively start to build our agenda for the evening.

Thank you for the **2 stationary bikes**. If you would like to see them, let us know and we can walk you down to the intermediate wing. A couple of pictures:



The **90th annual Cambridge Skating Races** will take place at Galt Arena on the night of February 28th. With current sanctions, teachers will not be able to participate but I have informed the organizing committee that I will be running the event. What I need is an indication from you if you can assist. What I will be doing is providing all interested students a letter to take home this week and try to connect personally with some families. It will be the parents' responsibility to bring their child(ren) to the event, help to lace them up and get them ready for their race. Volunteers will be needed to remind racers of their times and help to keep everybody on schedule. The event is open to K-6 students who are able to skate. There is room for 2 racers in each age category as well as 4-person relays in the 8-12 year-old categories. In the recent past, we have had a very small turnout but, for the sake of keeping the long-standing tradition alive, we will try to drum up some excitement.

Community Representative's update update (Emily Jaarsma):

Greenway-Chaplin CC is accepting registration for **March Break Camp (subsidies are available)** which will be held at our townhouse at 116 Rouse Ave. To register <https://greenwaychaplin.com/programs/>

Spring Programs (April to June) and Summer Camp (subsidies are available) registration opens Mar 4. Leadership In Training Volunteer opportunities for summer camp will open in March. <https://greenwaychaplin.com/services/>

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Financials:

Our current School Council balance sits at a healthy \$10,971.76.

Without requests for much from teachers during work sanctions (e.g., additional field trip funding), I don't foresee much more needing to come out at this time. Aside from pizza money, there will probably not be much more money going in either until our rescheduled chocolate bar fundraiser in April.

Action item: a purchase idea I have is for additional Chromebooks. They are used mostly in the later primary to intermediate grades but get a lot of mileage. Let me know what you think about buying some extra ones. They cost approximately \$300 each but I also want to leave a good cushion in our account. Once I hear back from you, I will put a formal request out based on the general feeling.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:30-7:30pm