

November 11, 2021

*These notes were shared electronically, in lieu of our originally-scheduled virtual meeting

Attendance: (Marc Lehmann, Sara Aitken, Andrew Schmitt, Emily Jaarsma, Leah Mortensen-Milmine, John Georgiou)

Community Representative's Update (Emily Jaarsma):

- **Fall programs** continue in person at Greenway (116 Rouse Ave). Youth Grade 5 to 8 are invited to the drop-in program 6 to 8 pm outside at Greenway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings <https://greenwaychaplin.com/programs/>
- **Giving Tuesday Campaign (Tuesday Nov 30)** at Greenway-Chaplin is asking for donations from our neighbours and friends to support programs and events. You can donate online <https://greenwaychaplin.com/donate/>
- Stay connected and up-to-date by following Greenway on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GreenwayChaplin/> or subscribing to our e-newsletter (bottom of the home page www.greenwaychaplin.com).
- Any further questions? Feel free to reach out to myself or Kelsey (Program Coordinator) kelsey@greenwaychaplin.com

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Teacher Update (John Georgiou):

- Mrs. Dixon is shifting her focus to the winter concert in the coming days so we started talking about what that might look like. That inevitably led us to talking about the school picnic and multicultural nights of previous years. Several staff members brought up the idea of building towards some sort of community event. Not necessarily a fundraising event, either
- This led to chats about our community closet. We have some winter coats being donated and several staff members have brought in gently used clothing. This might be a good project to include the council on. Volunteers? Donations?
- While on the topic of volunteers, the idea of a Pizza day program popped up. Other schools have started doing pizza days, so there's a precedent already set. **School admin will be looking into this pending current health & safety restrictions

- Intermediate staff are watching the newswire for anything related to the Tim's Camp. There is a small contingent that are holding onto the hope of going to camp this spring.
- Primary and junior staff are digging into a literacy program to help build our younger students' reading and writing foundations. (topic of volunteers popped up again)
- We have had another action packed year of changes to our staff. There has been some happy baby news. Lots of happy baby news! I'm sure Marc has mentioned some of these changes/additions

Principal/Vice-principal update

- We welcomed new Kindergarten teacher Samantha Wood this week and will have our new part-time secretary, Mrs. Susan Durnford join us on Monday
- We have some added supervision in our new Kindergarten classroom (K3) with Ms. Mohanie Singh having joined us as an Elementary Supervision Monitor for the entirety of the two nutrition breaks
- Work continues as we hope to wrap up our major construction project. The hope is that all loose ends will be tied up before our Winter Break
- The next phase of opening will allow schools to welcome back Nutrition for Learning and Strong Start volunteers for now
- Microforest plant took place last Saturday and students were reminded to take good care of it to promote its growth. Marc will be interviewed by the Record on Tuesday
- Domino's three-week (weekly) pizza fundraiser will begin on November 30th. Details will be shared through our communication channels
- Progress reports will go home on Monday. An additional letter will be included in the envelope outlining some of reporting challenges in the midst of the pandemic
- Grade 8s will have *Sources of Strength* suicide prevention presentations next Wednesday and Thursday. These are put on by The Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council (WRSPC). Staff will be on hand to follow up afterwards
- Friday, November 19th is a PA Day. School will be closed for students; staff will be engaged

Financials:

Current School Council balance remains at \$3,644.98

Next meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2020 6:00-7:00 pm