

March 10, 2022

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

Community Update from Emily Jaarsma (Executive Director Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre)

Jessica Borges has started in January 2022 as the new Program Coordinator at Greenway. She will be your contact for programs and camp. jessicab@greenwaychaplin.com

Summer Camp 2022 - we hope to open registration on Apr 15 but are waiting for permits at our local schools to be confirmed <https://greenwaychaplin.com/summer-camp/>

Community Engagement Opportunities

Community Events have returned. We had a fantastic WinterFest on Feb 26 so stay tuned for details about a community clean-up around Earth Day in April, a gardening event in May and a Neighbourhood Day Event in June (closing Rouse Ave for activities, food and fun). <https://greenwaychaplin.com/events/>

Volunteer opportunities - Kathleen kathleen@silverheightsneighbourhood.com (contact Kathleen for more information)

1. We are looking to connect with those who are excited about gardening to create a gardening group this year.
2. We are looking for someone who has accounting and finance experience to join our Board of Directors (2 year term).
3. Leader-in-Training volunteer opportunities at camp will be available this year for youth aged 13 and 14. Applications will open in April 2022.

<https://greenwaychaplin.com/engage-now/>

You can always reach out to me as well if you have questions.

Have a wonderful March Break everyone!

Principal's Update (Andrew Schmitt and Marc Lehmann)

- With Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region's data collection, it has been communicated that there are significant concerns about our traffic situation (pick-up and drop-off times). STSWR is creating an Avenue Road parent/guardian electronic survey and will be contemplating a "Road Model" initiative, including a signed contract from our families. We have given STSWR the green light to move forward with their support for these projects and expect to have something in place after March Break
- As a board, our student dress policy is being reviewed and School Council's input is always sought for this purpose. From our understanding, much of the board's policies

will be based on the work done in the Toronto District School Board. The [TDSB student dress policy](#) can be accessed for you to look over. It is quite the departure from the traditional dress codes that we may have grown up with so we wanted to give you a little bit of time to digest the TDSB's work and gather your thoughts. At Wednesday's team meeting, we had breakout sessions which sought to look at our current wording in the student handbook and generate discussions based on some prompting questions

- As you are probably aware, mask mandates will be lifted on March 21, following yesterday's announcement by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore. As of the writing of these minutes, the WRDSB was still drafting a message to schools to provide some more specific direction for our return after March Break
- We were just looking at clubs, intramurals, extracurricular activities restarting with enhanced precautionary measures after March Break. However, with the recent announcement, it looks as though we may be able to do so with much more freedom. You can be sure to hear more soon after the break
- During the break, we are happy to anticipate the ceiling installation of 4 more data projectors. We have added these technological advancements using a phased approach due to costs but are pleased to free up some classroom floor space and enhance our teaching platform
- Staffing for the 2022-23 school year will begin in earnest after the break when we begin with the collection of anticipated student numbers. Once we have a good idea, a staff number will be generated by Human Resources which give us the next steps for hiring
- Our *Domino's Pizza* fundraiser will continue every Wednesday through the entire month of March (including March Break). If anyone would like to participate, they simply need to provide the code "SGIVE" when ordering and \$5 from every pizza sale will come back to the school
- This will be Marc's final Avenue Road School Council meeting as he completes his time as interim principal on Friday, April 8th. Marc would like to express his heartfelt gratitude for your continued support during his 15 months of interim principal work, following his retirement in the fall of 2020.

Financials:

Current School Council balance is \$3,644.98. As many things have been paused, there are also no requests at this point to access School Council funds.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 6-7 pm. We are hopeful that this meeting can take place in person but will await further directions