

**BGD School Council Meeting → February 15, 2023 @6:00-7:00pm**

**MINUTES**

<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions (Darcelle)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acceptance of last month's minutes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Present:</b> Tim Pugh, Darcelle Valade, Laura Lovelace, Anum Hashmi, Martina MacKenzie, Mona Osman, Janeth Williams, Erin Theophanous, Randa Fernandes, Mindy Smith-Bernard, Kate Grima</p> <p><b>Previous minutes approved by:</b> Erin &amp; Mona</p>
<p><b>2. GUEST SPEAKER: Leslie Maxwell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow-Up QnA + Info sharing on Next Steps</li> <li>● Creation of Council sub-team to support</li> </ul>	<p>Leslie provided update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● City of Kitchener parking observation was completed. They are looking towards changing the bylaw to allow stopping in the carved-out sections in front of the school.</li> <li>● Standing foot patrol at top of the hill started this week with 21 student volunteers who were trained by WRPS</li> <li>● WRPS also encouraged reporting of incidents via their website</li> <li>● 3 people interested in sub-committee - Tim, Darcelle &amp; Mindy. Leslie to reach out to plan a meeting time</li> </ul> <p>Winter Walk update - Brigadoon won the bike rack!!</p>
<p><b>3. Review of Financials (Erin)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No change in balances from last meeting Council Fund is at \$4466.47 &amp; WEFI is at \$27632.87 - funding requests approved at last meeting have not been paid out yet</li> <li>● External Charities Fund - email survey supported donation to Nutrition for Learning</li> <li>● Chocolates purchased for volunteers are now in the school and being distributed.</li> <li>● Survey also indicated support for comfy chairs in the library - Darcelle to research further</li> <li>● Eyeglasses funding available through a WEFI "pot" at the board. Suggested to get the messaging out on School Day so families in need are aware.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. General Updates: (Darcelle)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kate Grima presented a Peace Garden Update request for funding             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 1 - tools &amp; supplies - outdoor toys approx. \$950</li> <li>○ Phase 2 - small permanent fixtures approx. \$2300 + cost of custom sandbox</li> <li>○ Phase 3 - Permanent Hardscaping - likely a major fundraising project - \$40000 - \$60000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Janeth Williams - funding request for a portable speaker for outdoor events - \$149.97 plus tax</li> <li>● Plantables fundraiser - deferred until March meeting</li> <li>● Groove-a-Thon - SO MUCH FUN! Big thanks to Lisa Shantz for organizing and making it awesome.</li> <li>● Domino's Brigadoon Pizza Night raised \$165. Another date will be announced for April</li> <li>● Yearbook - shareable folder link from Mrs. Williams</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Fund-Raising &amp; Compassion (Darcelle &amp; Laura)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ProGrant - 5 members in support</li> <li>● Tim suggested a speaker on the topic of Internet Safety</li> </ul>

<b>6. Update on PIC &amp; SCIS Team (Laura)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members received t-shirts</li><li>• Each class now has suggestion boxes</li><li>• Themes: Student Voice, Equal Opportunity, Safety, Connection</li></ul>
<b>7. Date &amp; Format for February Meeting</b>  <b>** Principal's Report [**will be sent via email**]</b>	Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00p.m.  This meeting will be virtual, with a discussion for possible return to in-person meetings for April.

