

**Bridgeport School Council Meeting**  
**December 12, 2023**

In attendance: Mark Gallas, Meghan Wentworth, Murray Crewson, Tony Beckburger, Melissa, Chau Truong-Wood, Brittany Terziano, Melissan Coleman, Kendra Seymour, Samir Dhanvantari,

| <b>Highlights of Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b> |
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| <p><b>Housekeeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome</li> <br/> <li>● Approval of November meeting minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All in favour</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>● Approval of Agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All in favour</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>● Territorial Land Acknowledgement - WRDSB video</li> </ul><br><p><b>School Council's Land Acknowledgement</b></p> <p><i>We acknowledge that we live and work on lands traditionally stewarded by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Attiwandaron people. We are grateful for the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws, and philosophies of the Indigenous people from whom we have much to learn. We will strive to honour them through our work by showing gratitude for the bounties the land provides us and working for the betterment for our whole community. We will consider the impact of our decisions on not only the present, but future generations. We will walk beside our Indigenous brothers and sisters and work to learn and listen to the voice that was taken from them. We are all treaty people and have a responsibility to honour all our relations.</i></p><br><p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student report - Ella and Simona               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 student council team members</li> <li>- Pumpkin contest fundraiser - thank you to the council for providing them</li> <li>- Raised \$452 from the pumpkin voting</li> <li>- Learning buddies - classes are partnered for activities weekly</li> <li>- Abuntu Drummers - a great message about kindness and helpful</li> <li>- JungleSport - very well received by students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |               |

- Mid November - Grade 2/3 classes went to Centre in the Square for a music trip
  - End of November grade 3's went to University of Waterloo for a science program
  - Grade 5/6 students are organizing a fun day for before the break for the whole school
  - Snowman soup fundraiser - profits will go to Toy Mountain
  - Ms. Gregg - running intramurals at nutrition breaks
  - Winter assembly - planned for before the break
  - Thank to Ms. Kostacian - organized the Week of Giving
  - Rotation of Reading - reading to the younger grades during the eating parts of nutrition breaks
- Fundraising - Chau
    - Dance-a-thon discussion - spring fundraiser - April? (late April)
    - Fundraise for ?
    - Pizza fundraiser again with New Orleans potentially - end of January/start of February
    - Tie it into family day
    - Fundraise for more literacy initiatives, field trip experience, phys. ed equipment
    - Poinsettias - profit \$ 452.31
- Principal's report - Murray
    - Junglesport - bill was around \$5000
    - Council contributed \$1000 deposit
    - Taylor family fundraiser
- Staff Report - Brittany
    - Thank you from the primary staff - excited about the new literacy materials
    - Wishlists - items for Spec Ed
    - Class trips and in class experiences
    - Teachers encouraged to post into the updates for the newsletter
- Financial - Tony
    - Poinsettia fundraiser - 452.31 profit
    - Adjusted balance \$1 700
    - Nothing from the WEFI account
    - Reserve for playground maintenance

- \$1800 in Social Council, \$1900 in WEFI

- Communications
- April - for next issue
- Post link for website on Twitter
- School-Day?
- Send items to Meghan for inclusion

#### **Discussion items**

- Literacy night - Wednesday February 28 @ 6:30 - 8
- Families
- Games in gym and library
- Gran bags and hand outs
- Door prizes - literacy based
- Literacy committee planning
- Committee help - closer to planning time - next meeting

#### **Picnic -**

- Issues with supervision
- Volunteers for running events rather than teachers
- Help from grade 6 students to run events - Student Council
- Cut down on events?
- Potential staff members
- 2 SERTS, 2 Music Teachers, 2 French Teachers,
- Margaret Kids for help
- Planning stations and commitments in March
- June 14 - time TBD (11:30 - 1)

**Next meeting – January 9 @ 7pm**