

**Courtland School Council**  
**February 19, 2020**

Present: Mihajlo Dojie, Dave Knight, Lisset , Desiree Hinsperger, Mike Coates

1. The minutes from last meeting were approved by all.
2. Principal's Update -
  - a. no staff update due to labour disruption.
  - b. Students are still receiving academic support however extracurriculars are on hold at this time.
  - c. Courtland School Council Google Group has been created.
  - d. Dates for school closures will always be posted on the board website.
  - e. Report cards were not created in elementary schools in WRDSB. Marks were submitted however. Parents are more than welcome to contact teachers to discuss their childrens' academic progress.
  - f. There is a pause on assemblies for the most part. However, Mr. Coates was able to sponsor an assembly with a performer called Saidat. She brought a great message of overcoming adversity and respectful treatment of all. She also included a hip-hop lesson. This was a great way to kick off Black History month. Students are continuing the celebration of Black History month with stories and lessons. There is a great tribute board outside of the office.
  - g. Some momentum from the above event will carry into the Multi-Cultural Event
  - h. Health forms were sent home today. There are dates included about when the sexual health/development sections of the Health Curriculum will start being shared. Parents have the option of having their student not participate in this part of the learning. Return the form to have your child exempt and meet with the principal about this.
  - i. Please continue to follow the parking lot markings for the safety of students and flow of traffic. Also, if the option is available please find a spot on a side street to wait for your student.
  - j. Care Certificates will be given out in the coming weeks to students who are regularly exuding the values of Cougars C.A.R.E. This will also be happening toward the end of the year.
  - k. From every Home Room there will be one student from each home room class who will be awarded with the Citizenship Award.
  - l. Nutrition for Learning continues to thrive. One of the staff did write a proposal and Courtland has received \$1000 in additional funding. Our custodian has been baking muffins and everyone has been enjoying the food without the stigma. Lisset asked if there may be an opportunity for newcomer families to be involved with set up etc.
  - m. All of the top 5 requests (in terms of building facelifts) will be checked off the list. There will be painting happening this weekend. The parking lot repairs will also be happening in due time.

- n. Mike also shared some information about some #LoveMyHood events. Please be aware that the City of Kitchener has many events and drop-ins at the various Community Centres.
3. Multi-Cultural Event Update
- a. There is a lot of excitement from the students about this event
  - b. Lisset contacted someone at the board. Leanne Hughes is the consultant of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity. She had some great ideas about what to do and what not to do.
  - c. 19 students attended the first planning meeting. There were ideas of a fashion show, talent show, booths, etc. There will be follow up meetings in the coming weeks. Lisset has asked students to include their parents. Lisset asked how school council members can contribute. The next step is to come up with the ideas that are feasible and come up with plans. Possibilities include a drop in from 5-6pm and a show from 6pm on. Potential date: May 27th. A final planning meeting on May 13th.

Next meeting: March 25, 2020