

Principal and VP Report

- We finally have an assigned VP, Lindsay Fox, will be a twin VP between Empire and Winston Churchil. She will be onboarded in January
- The food bank was a huge success, Empire filled around 85 boxes of food and collected around \$1600 in cash.
- Kindness club continue to meet every week, last activity, they made thank letters to our scholl bus drivers and bus drivers were very happy to receive those cards.
- The WRAP group continue to be very popular. Older students read to younger ones. In this leadership reading program, a grade 5 or 6 reads to KGs
- Report cards coming in February, Math and English will be coming as one mark.
- Held Students Assembly, this was the first time in 4 years so there was a new experience to our students. The Assemblby included activities such as the Kindness club, Students reading, and empathy learning.
- Need to plan for a literacy night to explain to parents the different options to support their children literacy such as Lexia and other online tools.
- Students like to play badminton, we need to invest in buying a badminton set. Usually it comes with 6-8 nets and costs between \$200-250.

Plan for Winter Art night

- Last year, the two arts night were very popular and students and parents liked them very much. We are hoping to build on this success and redo these events again. So far, there has been no official talks yet with teachers. The music teacher, Mr. Scheidel is interested in making the event this year.
- Having a snow sculpture int he arts night is weather dependent so we may have to wait until February to make sure there is enough snow on the ground. Last year, we had to reschedule the event as there was not enough snow during January.
- There is now a sound system in the gym, this is good news as the gym can now host the big crowd expected to attend the arts night. Last year, the library was over capacity.

UWaterloo STEM night update

- Council met on December 5th. We proposed some tentative dates for the event (March 20, 27, April 17, 24) There was some open questions about managing students registration and the impact this might have on the overall cost of the event. Khaled, followed up with UWaterloo and asked for a phone call to sort out these logistics issue but still didn't get feedback from them. Will follow up and hope to have an update before or on the next council meeting in January.

Parent Questions and Concerns

- Rebecca, an Empire parent and new council joiner asked how she can help the council as she wants to be engaged and help the council. Lori suggested that we currently don't have an official WRAPSC representative so if Rebecca is interested in this position that would be one way of helping the council. Khaled added that a bigger help is to be attend the council consistently as when we play for events and activities we will also need parents to volunteer to support those events.