

FOREST HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council - Tuesday November 21st, 2017

M I N U T E S

Present: Kelly, Laura, Jennifer R., Crystal, Denise, Jennifer, Heather, Matt, Brad, Rebecca. Guests: Kristy, Tracey

1. Carizon rep at Forest Hill school – Kristy Gall. She provides services to Forest Hill families related to wellness and wellbeing and is at the school on Thursday mornings for referrals. If you are interested in meeting with Kristy, you can connect in with Rebecca and/or Brad for a referral. Kristy can also facilitate conversations about topics that are of interest to parents such as screen time and media awareness called “coffee connections.” Kristy will set up a booth at the holiday concert to be visible to parents.

2. Mrs. Van Willigan shared a program highlighting kindness. Students demonstrating kindness will receive a ticket for which they can pay it forward for someone at home via a gift shop arrangement. Tickets can be turned in for gifts that children can choose and they will be gift wrapped by volunteers. The council approved \$100 from the account to support the purchase of gift paper, tape, and tags. Matt will purchase these items. If you want to volunteer please consider your schedules and email Rebecca when you can volunteer to help wrap gifts/ be in the gift shop Dec 4-22nd (except Wednesdays).

3. WRAPSC - please see attached minutes. <https://www.wrdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/WRAPSCMinutes-October-2017-3.pdf> The next meeting is Tues Jan 9th @7:00 @ FHCI if anyone is available to attend.

4. Parent survey - Survey is ready and it will be sent to Brad. Council would like to send out the survey to parents next week with a return before the Holiday break. A gift card from Landmark cinema (within the school coffers) will be offered as incentive for survey completion. Reference to the survey will be added to the parent newsletter on how to access the survey online; and paper copies can be accessed by contacting Kelly.

5. Forest Hill Tree Generation Report - the grad tree was selected by students and it was planted.

6. Treasurer update - two accounts (Tree Generation and Main account). More details on account values will be shared in December as treasurer was unable to make the meeting.

7. Principals go public - 1) The Remembrance Day assembly took place and students were very respectful. 2) Reports went home on Nov 13th. 3) Bus Evacuation training took place on Nov 13 and the students did a great job! 4) A new theme for HERO Generation month three – Mindfulness. 5) Over the next few weeks an improvement plan will be developed for the school – focusing on math, wellness and at risk students at the school. 6) Grade 2's are learning about Peace in a five week series taught Conrad Grebel College. 7) 205 pairs of socks for Toasty toes were donated! 8) 598 lbs of food for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region were collected by the school = 467 meals!