

JFC - Parent Council Meeting - Monday February 5, 2024

7:00 - 7:05 Welcome and Introductions

7:05 - 7:10 Remarks from the Chair

- WRAPSC Meeting update
- Next meeting about the new language curriculum

7:10 - 7:20 Principal's Report

-Term 1 coming to a close

-Report cards go home Friday February 16

-IEPs (Individual Education Plans) will be updated for term 2 soon as well

-Black Brilliance Month - we are trying to rebuild more of a sense of community within our school building. We have asked teachers to partner up with another class to work together on an activity (such as art) to help create a gallery walk to celebrate different cultures and experiences at the school

-Extended Day change: Extended day sections will go from 3 sections to 2, which means that one classroom will be losing an educator (to be replaced by one full day DECE instead of 2 half-day DECE's). There will be some reshuffling of DECE's, but not of teachers. Changes are still being finalized.

-Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Please encourage anyone you know to has a child who will be starting kindergarten this year to register!

7:20 - 7:25 Report from the Treasurer

7:25 - 7:45 Upcoming Events

- Pizza fundraiser
 - Thank you Ashley for organizing!
 - Our goal is \$1500
- [Chocolate Fundraiser - March 19 - April 8](#)

-Kick off assembly the first day, and then we need volunteers to help hand out the chocolate. Chocolate gets sent home that day. Families can opt out ahead of time as well. There is a volunteer in the girl's change room every morning from 9-10 to collect money and give out more chocolate as needed. Someone then needs to count the money and make a deposit

-Ideas: - translate the opting out letter so that families are clear that they can opt out

-Will move forward with Laura Secord chocolate (30 pieces for \$5 each), and will try to include payment option on School Day

- Movie night
 - paper on the wall - for ideas about playground
 - can we include the region vaccine clinic?
 - we will come back to this next meeting

7:45-8:00 Playground Committee update

- [PRO grant application](#)

-can we use the money to do outreach with the community to get input from the community about the playground

-we will find out in the next week or so if we got it

-committee is meeting and still talking about research and engagement - teachers, parents, students etc.

- prompt for students - how do kids play and learn outside?

They can answer in a variety of ways

-next year will really focus on fundraising, with a goal of 2025 construction can start

8:00 - 8:15 Grants

- (Parent Involvement Fund)

- [Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River](#)

-Deadline is February 28 - they fund special projects for schools that have financial need for \$2000

-we can apply every year

-this year might be something that staff have ideas for, and another year we could use it for playground improvement

8:15 - 8:30 What's on your mind?