

School Council Meeting - Preston Public School

March 22, 2023

6:30 via Google Meet

Attendees: Sharon Roberts, Lindsay Marynewich, Rebecca Fitt-Ajewole, Janet Hua, Leena Birtch, Marc Lehmann

Principal Updates

- Marc is slated to be at the school until the end of June
- Staffing update (after March break is considered 'staffing season')
 - Before the break, staffing surveys were sent out to indicate their preferred assignment for the following year and their plans i.e. staying at school, etc.
 - Survey is followed up with an in-person meeting to review their plans
 - Currently, numbers are looking fairly status quo
 - Final projected numbers go in at the end of this month
 - HR will then crunch the numbers and determine the FTE's required (administrators and teachers)
 - Board will provide a proposed organization of the classes required based on numbers i.e. how many kindergarten, etc.
 - Currently, one of the LTO teachers is leaving as of next Friday - contract teacher will be returning from leave
- Workplace Inspection
 - Sue Randall (head custodian), Teachers, Admin support the inspection process
 - Walkaround and review deficiencies
 - Facility manager is consulted on 'top 5 list' (these are capital projects funded by the Board)
 - Needs list is sent to facility services and then procurement
 - The gym is in need of capital expense (basketball nets, backboards) - approx. \$30k project.
 - Would require (3) quotes based on procurement threshold
 - Sound fields were being implemented in classrooms
 - was a previous capital project from Mark's time
 - Good for everyone to have, especially students with specialities
 - Millwork is currently being done - shelving units being replaced
 - Flooring being replaced in A1 Kindergarten class
- Health & Safety
 - Emergency drills will be restarting with the spring weather coming
 - April will have the first fire drill of the season
 - Tornado drill will be happening before end of school year
 - Hold and Secure / Lockdown drill will also be happening
 - First aid stations are fully stocked

- Extra-curricular Activities
 - There are clubs starting i.e. Ukulele, karaoke club
 - Open gym times for certain grades for basketball, dodgeball

Budget/Fundraising

- Bingo - \$17k
- Pizza - \$20k
- General Fundraising - \$10k
- **Total - \$47,614.92**

Art Night

- Homer Watson Gallery will be putting on the art night
- Will be doing paint
- Dates being proposed are April 18, 19, 25
 - Will be booking April 18, timing will be in the early evening
 - Refreshments for art night can be purchased by council funds
 - Chip snack packs and juice boxes
 - Paul Klee has been chosen
- Earth day assembly is happening April 28

Playground Discussion:

- Gaga Ball Pit - fast moving and inclusive game
 - Ask is to take some of the budget we currently have and get a gaga ball pit installed
 - Sand base
 - Amber Martz reached out to Fred's Fences and response received right away (need ground to firm up)
 - Cost of a pit is approx. \$3,000 and can be installed pretty much right away
 - Council has agreed to the spend
 - Marc will contact Amber to move this forward
- Marc was presented with the beginning stages of playground exploration
 - (3) quotes needed for procurement requirements
 - Fundraising documentation to be reviewed to solicit sponsorship funds for playground
 - Ask from staff for some primary elements to be purchased - primary playground vs junior playground
 - The current playground will have an expiry date but in the latest inspection done by Parcs (Board company), everything checked off as being safe. No indication of anything needing to be removed
 - Certain elements may need to be replaced over time
 - We can phase in new pieces and replace the playground over time

- Marc will do some more homework and will present some ideas on the new playground and will get feedback from Council before moving forward with facilities and grounds
 - Look into a primary based addition
 - Phased in approach
- We will phase in new playground pieces and we will relax on the aggressive fundraising efforts

Other Business:

- No additional business

Next meeting - April 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm