

## April 26, 2023 School Council Minutes

(In lieu of an in-person meeting, interim principal shared these notes electronically)

### **Learning:**

- As was reported last month, it is good to see the resumption of classroom field trips, assemblies, student-staff activities and cross-cohort "buddies". I have been impressed with the professionalism of our staff and the engagement of students throughout the school during my class visits and interaction with the entire community
- We are making arrangements for the spring EQAO assessment (gr. 3 & 6). As was the case last year, the format will be electronic
- Art Night survey has gone out via School Day. The initial glitch has been fixed and we have about 20 students scheduled to attend so far. Staff have also been surveyed to volunteer (and bring their child(ren), if they so desire)

### **Staffing Updates:**

- Mr. Mike Coates will be returning while covering for Marc from April 19-May 1
- Ms. Diana Savel is back in her contract role in P2 (gr. 2/3B) following her leave
- Mr. Ryan Kravalis is now in a long-term occasional position while Mrs. Vandongen is on leave
- We are fortunate not to have any Enrolment Transfers for next year i.e. no current contract staff were declared surplus for the 2023-24 school year
- Our projected student numbers are looking consistent with the current year's numbers. We had about 290 at our last count and have since had another 10 or so new registrations
- The number of proposed classes will remain the same as this year even with one less Kindergarten class (3 classes, down from the current 4)
- Our next count date is May 1 which could result in some additional staffing needs

### **Health & Safety**

- We had the Joint Health & Safety Committee come through for a workplace audit on Friday and, with the exception of a few minor adjustments, our school is in very good shape. Special thanks to our head custodian Ms. Sue Randall and our nighttime custodian, Miss Sue Labao
- This was also a good opportunity to follow up on some concerns and deficiencies identified through our monthly workplace inspections

### **Facilities:**

- After subsequent discussions with our facility manager, we decided to forgo the large \$30K expense for new glass basketball systems in the gym (covered centrally) and go with the standard aluminum backboards in order to pursue additional facility upgrades, in addition to the new basketball system

**Grounds:**

- We are waiting for Fred's Fences to assess our site for the Gaga Ball pit installation
- We are also awaiting the installation of a new basketball standard (exact cost to be determined)
- Upon further investigation of playground equipment suppliers/installers, we were surprised at the cost of the "mini Geode" climbing dome. The total cost would have been in the vicinity of \$40K for this element alone. We are now looking at some other options for a central primary structure and additional elements. However, this will not be slowing the process of the basketball standard and Gaga Ball pit installation

**Financials:**

Bingo account: \$16,822.44  
School funds (pizza): \$20,639.92  
Fundraising general: 10,307.34  
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Total: \$47,769.70

**Future Anticipated Expenses:**

Family Art Night: \$1,625.00  
Gaga Ball Pit: \$2,350 +HST  
Basketball Standard: TBD (Facilities is looking at options for us)

**Upcoming dates/events:**

**April 19:** Domino's Pizza Fundraiser  
**April 20:** Hat Day  
**April 21:** PD Day  
**May 2:** Kindergarten Information Night 6:15 PM  
**May 10:** Preston Family Art Night

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-8:00 PM