School Council Meeting Notes- Preston Public School March, 2024

*In lieu of the scheduled March 27 virtual meeting, the following notes were shared by Principal Marc Lehmann and School Council Chair Lindsay Warner:

Teacher/Principal Updates -Marc

• Staffing:

Rebecca Haddaway has filled our grade 5/6 vacancy and will be completing the year in that position.

Our first meeting with the In-School Staffing Committee has taken place and planning has begun for the 2024-25 school year organization. Our numbers look consistent with this year's so the number of classes will likely remain the same (at 14)

Health & Safety:

Emergency drills will resume now that spring is here. There will be one tornado drill, three fire drills (including one fire/bomb drill) and a lockdown drill scheduled prior to the end of the school year

Academics:

We have set our EQAO (primary and junior provincial) assessment dates and our gr. 6 cohort will take part from May 13-16 while our gr. 3s have May 21-24 set aside

- Talent show auditions are continuing with several teachers supporting this event. A date
 has now been set (April 26) and further details will be shared with our community by Mr.
 Peats-Bond
- Home Reading Program update: Mrs. Smith is coordinating efforts to implement the program, thanks to School Council's \$1,000 support. Bins and stickers have been ordered and the plans are for all books to be organized by next week

Budget/Fundraising -Marc

Bingo: \$10,743.43
Pizza (821): \$23,267.65
Fundraising General (840-Chocolate Bar): \$8,441.30
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Total: \$42,452.38

Family Art Night Debrief -Lindsay

- Approximately 150 in attendance
- All Crock-a-Doodle Art Night work has been delivered to students
- Lindsay and her husband are working on a tile mosaic which will be posted in the school's A-hallway (the one by the main door)

Year-end Family Picnic Update-Lindsay

- Date: Tuesday, June 18th, 5-8 PM
- The general consensus is to keep it simple in order for all to enjoy some social time with one another. There is still a possibility of a few games but they will be "self-serve"

- Food trucks: Irie Myrie, Fo Cheezy and Born 2 Eat have been booked
- We will give out free popsicles again with the search for a dessert truck still on

Upcoming dates:

- -April 8: Solar Eclipse Day -WRDSB schools closed to students
- -April 10: PD Day -no school for students
- -April 12: Class photo day. Weather permitting, photos will be taken at the front of the school
- -April 15: Gr. 6 photo day
- -April 24: Career Day Spirit Day (dress as your future career)

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 PM (virtually)