

Suddaby School Council Meeting, 21-03-22

Present: Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Andrea Maxwell, Stephanie Meyer, Katherine Akin, Angela U, Katha Broschek, Nada, Kate Leslie, Karin Korth

Regrets: Tara Bedard, Wendy Sauleslaja, Nadia Ursacki, Anjali Misra, Sue Campbell

Administrators' Report

COVID Changes

- Changes to the interiors of some rooms, for example, desk layouts and rugs.
- Cohorting and distancing are no longer required
 - Students can play and learn together across cohorts, classes and grades, both indoors and outdoors, and during Nutrition Breaks. For now we will continue to have students keep the same schedule and line up spots.
 - All shared spaces, such as libraries and music rooms, can be fully utilized without distancing
 - Programs across grades, such as reading buddies, can return
 - Schools can plan and host in-person events (e.g., assemblies, celebrations, guest speakers)
- Volunteers and non-essential visitors are welcome again!

So far, there have been no issues about students and families making their own choices about mask wearing and we are so pleased that our Stars have been accepting and supportive of different choices.

COVID Protocols remaining in place

- Hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and the utilization of HEPA filter units must continue
- Schools continue with enhanced cleaning protocols
- Students and staff must continue to self-screen every day before attending school using the [Ontario School Screening Tool](#) and follow the directions given

Before March Break

- Thanks to Mrs. M-W for organizing our dance party on the Friday before March Break. Students had a great time playing dominoes with the empty cereal boxes.
- The Spring themed door decorations are amazing!
- The Olympics Day was a huge success thanks to Mrs. M-W, the organizing team and the students in room 18. Our Stars had a lot of fun and were awesome sports.

Class Placement Requests

An invitation went out before the break and parents will be reminded through Mrs. Blundon's Week-at-a Glance for parents to offer input into class placement decisions.

Staffing Update

- Mrs. Himanshi's last day with us is April 1, 2022 as Mrs. Lehman will be returning to her job at Suddaby on April 4, 2022. Mrs. Himanshi is still working through the interview process to find her next position with the WRDSB. We are happy to have Mrs. Lehman return but also very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Himanshi and have appreciated her generosity, her strong work ethic, and her kind and gentle manner with our Stars.
- Mme. El-Khatib finished her LTO on March 11, 2022. She built beautiful relationships with our Stars and we are very sorry to see her go. Mrs. Leslie will be covering for two weeks before the next French teacher begins.
- Mrs. Bender, one of Suddaby's amazing EA team, will be returning to Suddaby from her social work practicum on April 9, 2022. Mrs. Frehe will finish at Suddaby on April the 8th.
- Mrs. Saeed, who has been away at teacher's college, will be returning to K-2, on May 2, 2022. Mrs. Arnett-Eckmier who has done a great job in K2 will have her last day on April 29, 2022.
- The first set of numbers go into the board on March 31, 2022.

Transportation

The decision on whether or not bussing for students in grades 1-6 will continue for Suddaby is expected at the end of March or the beginning of April. Suddaby had a very knowledgeable and engaged group of parents advocating on our behalf.

Financial Report:

Total budget: 39 147.67

Keep in account: 10 000

Outdoor equipment: 2 000

Thank you bench: 1 000

Equity initiatives: 5 000

Schoolyard: 8 559.59

Total to spend: 12 588.08

Teachers' Report:

- June BBQ is back, will be planned to incorporate opening of “new” playground,
- The PIC grant (\$500) will be applied to the BBQ/playground opening. A “meet the teachers” event may be incorporated into this (TBD)

→ **Mrs: Shantz** proposed a project for next fall. She has worked with a folk singer in the past who will write a song with the students, they will then work together to sing and arrange it, record it on a CD. The cost is estimated at around \$6400, motion raised in advance due to the cost.

Motion to support this (money source TBD at this time) PASSED

WRAPC Report:

- No meeting in March
- Email sent out about PIC family engagement
- Meeting about dress code was held due to girls and racialized students being disproportionately affected by dress code decisions
- In general dress code discussions were consistent with Suddaby's recently revised dress code

Fundraising Report:

- Suddaby Gives back: Ray of Hope. we will consult the WRDSB rules and guidelines regarding fundraising to see if we are allowed to raise money supporting the Ray of Hope organization
- The results of the Parent/Staff/Student survey regarding what to do next to revitalize the back playground show strongest support for installing a second outdoor classroom and a Gaga Pit.
- As COVID restrictions have lifted we can look into having a FunFair in June. The possibility of incorporating a “meet the teacher/see the classroom” event will be explored, as will ensuring any Fun Fair activities are compliant with current equity guidelines.

Equity Report:

- no meeting in March to report

meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. FASTEST MEETING EVAH!!

