

Suddaby School Council

January 16, 2023

Present: Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Katherine Akins, Stephanie Meyer, Andrea Maxwell, Katha Broschek, Joel Leslie, Mike Patterson, Wendy Saulesleja, Karin Korth, Angela Uttley, Lisa Farlowe

Regrets: Nada Mohammed, Tara Bedard, Anjali Misra, Laura McBride

N.B. A motion to release \$300 to supplement Nutrition For Learning was sent out via email and PASSED on January 11, 2023.

Administrators' Report:

Pizza: Pizza day is coming back - first 6-week session - week of February 13th to March 27th.

Of changes made last year, positives included:

- 435 slices vs 353 slices
- all options were ordered, including Halal pepperoni, a gluten-free crust, dairy-free cheese, etc.
- Cost of pizza was covered by payments, and we had Stars receive pizza at no cost. (Cost this time will be \$1.10/slice, \$1.88/gluten-free slice.)
- still raised money for the school

Of changes made last year, challenges included:

- Initial setup and organization - parent volunteer this year
- Lot of leftovers due to number of different pizzas required
- Reaching everyone - reached out to the Rohr Chabad Centre for Jewish Life - \$300 per 6-week cycle (Pizza is \$3.50/slice, need to order 10 slices/week, delivery is \$90 total.)
- Communication with caregivers - how do we make sure everyone who wants their students to get pizza gets pizza? We need the forms filled out as this is the data that will get us our order numbers. We will be able to have multiple 6-week sessions this year, which should help with ordering.

The possibility of simplifying/clarifying forms and using a Google form to collect orders and Schoolday for payment will be explored.

EQAO - Contextual Data

Junior students only

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Question	No data	Yes, I agree.	I am not sure.	No, I do not agree.
Please think about how you feel when you are in school. Do you agree with each of the following?				
Every student at my school is treated fairly.	0.7	49	38.8	11.5
My culture is included in the materials (for example, books, posters and pictures) used in my class.	1.5	51.4	36.6	10.5
The teachers at my school pay attention to the opinions of every student.	1.3	73.8	20.6	4.3
The words used in my classes make every student feel included.	1.1	48.1	40.7	10.1

Equity and Inclusion

The 5th and final session for the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism group (Ms. Givlin, Mme. Kraft, Mme. Stewart, and Mrs. Lynch) is coming up on February 14, 2023. This team collaborated with Mrs. Cober Anderson, our Indigenous Lead, and members of our WRDSB Equity team to lead our January staff meeting. We learned more about ourselves as “we are who we teach”. For example, a staff member who grew up disadvantaged economically will likely be very sensitive to the economic struggles students face. Likewise, if an educator never faced a language barrier they may need to purposefully support students who do.

Staff PD

WrapAround sessions on Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy and math and literacy sessions are starting for our teachers and running weekly from January 18 to March 22, 2023. This job-embedded learning is designed to help us better support our students in achieving academic excellence and a sense of safety and belonging. Our staff embraces this learning.

Mrs. Quint, our Reading Resource Teacher, has also offered sessions for primary staff members on the implementation of UFLI which support the teaching staff are doing with Heggerty on phonemic awareness and moves to systematic phonics instruction connected with reading and writing.

Thanks to Council

Heartfelt thanks to our school council for purchasing snacks to supplement Nutrition For Learning at the very beginning of the 2023 school year. Thanks to parent Kate Leslie for asking for a motion to approve the expense and for purchasing the food.

Thanks to Katha Broschek for displaying the lost and found items before the winter holidays.

Thanks to Laura and Wendy for completing the School Event Planning Form.

Safe Arrival

It is taking our secretaries about 2 hours to complete attendance due to the volume of absences and caregivers forgetting to notify the school. Time spent following up on the students who are safely at home could delay us in being able to get support for a child who really is missing. All caregivers are asked to email or call the school before 9:00 a.m. when students will be arriving late or absent.

PRO Grant

This information came to administrators on January 16, 2023.

For the 2022-23 school year, the Ministry of Education will be providing funds to schools to support communication with parents and to ensure greater involvement of parents in education.

Each school will receive \$500 for projects that demonstrate inclusion/outreach to school communities. Examples of expenditures that demonstrate parent engagement, inclusion, equity and/or outreach to school communities may include:

- support of the School Improvement Plan;
- costs related to parent engagement activities in your school;
- translation of posters/literature;
- purchase of parenting books or videos to loan to parents;
- engagement initiatives that support optimizing student learning and achievement;
- meeting costs including honoraria for guest presenters;
- costs related to parent information/orientation sessions;
- costs incurred for workshops supporting student learning and achievement;
- costs related to the development and maintenance of the school websites;
- initiatives that assist special community populations facing access/involvement barriers.

Little Library Update - Library on order, Katherine will request an update on the build

Financial Report:

Budget January 2023

School funds: 17,531.36 \$

Wefi: 6,824.71 \$

Total: 24,356.07\$

Keep in account: 10 000 \$

Equity initiatives: 3 500 \$

Total to spend: 10,856.07 \$

Wefi is a shared account with the school, so some of that money is technically not ours.

We spent:

Winter showcase 439.62\$

Movie night snacks: 668.27\$

Total spent: 1101.62\$

We also provided up to 300\$ for nutrition for learning, not shown yet on balance.

Still to add:

Movie night: 433.35 \$

Can be collected:

Factory shoes: 955.00 \$

Wendy asked about the cheque from Grand River Hospital for the windows (around 290\$). Cheque has not been received yet.

WRAPSC Report:

- Discussed PIC grants and what to spend them on.
- Workshops, talks with Healing of 7 Generations, Coalition of Muslim Women suggested
- Next WRAPSC meeting: allowable expenditures of money in WEFI account

Fundraising Report:

- Next movie night in the gym is this Thursday, January 19th. Volunteers needed.

Other Business:

- Spirit wear t-shirts: 3 designs have been shortlisted and will be put to a vote by our students.
- Sincere thanks to Bethany Lutheran Church for their generous donation of \$1000 towards our spirit-wear project.
- Strong Start: due to changes in volunteer availability, unfortunately Strong Start is falling behind schedule with respect to student sessions and some students who would benefit from participation in the program are not able to be seen at all.. Volunteers are badly needed; if you would like to help please contact Katherine Akins at kakins@rogers.com
- Socks and underwear: spare socks and underwear have been requested in case of student-mishaps.

Motion to release \$250 for the purchase of socks and underwear for students PASSED

- How can parents, teachers, or students submit requests to the Council for funds?
 1. Items can only be purchased by Council if they are not supposed to be provided by the WRDSB. Decodables books discussed, to be looked into further.
 2. Suddaby School also has funds which can be used for things like subsidizing the bus required for a field trip
 3. Parents are welcome to suggest purchases to Council at any time. If the suggestion is an allowable item, it will be raised at the meeting and voted on.
- Winter Walk Day - February 1st. Suddaby School will enter the Winter Walk Contest as per the Student Transportation Department. Details (e.g. what time the walk takes place, how many classes will be walking at a time, etc) TBD
- First Friday Spirit Days proposal - to be discussed at the next meeting, when Laura is available to lead the discussion.
- It is expected that Nutrition for Learning will need to be supplemented again after March break, to be discussed further at February meeting