

Parent Council - Bright's Grove - October 19th, 2022 START: 6:35PM

In attendance: Amy Driese, Jacquie Beasley, Rosaura Rivas, Tania Smith, and Liz Townsend (Principal)

Regrets: Natalie Berry, Adrienne Beaver, Meghan Lajoie, Marjorie Stevenson, Clayton Butler, Cheryl Megeney, Laurel Boychuk, Beth Thompson (Resource Teacher)

**1. Welcome and Introductions** (if any new members)

-No new members in attendance.

**2. Principal Update**

a. School Learning Plan: School Goals

Math Goal: Teachers will track student progress on the Math Continuum (All grade levels).

Language Goal: Heggerty (Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Program) will be the focus for FDK-Grade 2. There will be a focus on Critical Thinking and Comprehension for Grades 3-8.

FNMI Goal: The staff and students will deepen their understanding of Reconciliation and the Calls to Action at grade appropriate levels. They will explore what students can do and put it into action.

Anti-Oppressive Education Goal: The staff and students will deepen their knowledge of cultures and backgrounds in our school. We want to see if any families and students want to share with us. A survey will be sent home to families in the future to gather information.

b. School Climate Survey –1 pagers for reference

Liz stated that our surveys were completed last year in the fall and that our response numbers were very high. There are some effects from the pandemic that we could be seeing in the data.

For the Grade 7 and 8 survey, we had some lower numbers. For example, 45% of students know how to access school mental health or emotional supports. Also 42% would ask for help with mental/emotional health issues at school. There was a discussion around whether many of our students have supportive homes and do not necessarily ask for that support at school.

However, there was agreement that it is important for students to know where they can go at school **and** in the community as well. We may have a school mental health professional come in and share with students. Teachers will connect with students throughout the school year naturally to help build connections.

c. Thank you for the flags and posters.

-They are hanging in the hallway outside the gym and next up is giving the mascots names.

**3. Teacher Update**

a. Cross Country :18 student athletes advanced to the District Meet which is great.

b. Terry Fox Run: \$2195 was the new total for the Terry Fox Run. We have exceeded our goal of \$2000.

c. Intramurals: Grade 4-6 Handball

-Mrs. Suthard and Mr. Verville are running these during recess. There may be some more sports included in the future.

-Mr. Martin started a Board Game Club. He started with a Grade 7 Group. He is going to do a different grade every week.

d. Winter Concert : Santa's Holiday Hoedown

-Grade 6, 7 and 8 are open to auditioning for the acting parts for the play. All the classes are going to be part of the play through a song. Other prep teachers will be helping out.

-There will be an evening performance of this show at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022.

e. How does this Winter Concert align with Anti-Oppressive Education?

-This has been discussed with our Multi-Disciplinary Team and Specialist Teacher. The majority of our students celebrate Christmas- secular. We will find opportunities to acknowledge the other holidays that our students celebrate during this time and throughout the year.

#### **4. Treasurer's Statement**

a. School Council Current Balance - \$2686.05

b. School Council-Learning Commons - \$434.73 (Committed to purchases) and the balance is actually at 0 currently.

-Liz will come to the Parent Council if there are specific purchases for the LC for this year.

-There was a good amount raised for the Book Fair.

#### **5. Fundraising**

a. Spirit Wear: We do not have an amount yet. There has been a changing of hands. We should know soon.

b. Poinsettias: Sales go live on November 1st. It will be in the November Newsletter and it will be on the Facebook Page.

c. Grade 8s: Movie Day —This fundraiser will be done 3 times throughout the school year where families can purchase popcorn ahead of time from School Cash Online. Students will then enjoy their popcorn on Movie Day with FDK-Grade 4 having a morning movie and Grades 5-8 having an afternoon movie, all in the gym.

-The first Movie Day will be December 20th, 2022. There will be a notice put in the November Newsletter and December Newsletter to inform people. popcorn ahead of time – November 28-December

#### **6. Hot Lunch Update**

-Boston Pizza: We made \$360 for the first Boston Pizza Day.

-November 25th Boston Pizza Day: We will add Chicken Caesar Salad to see if that is an item of interest for the future etc.

-We will get info about Pita Pit for the future.

- December: Milk and Cookie option on December 19th. Amy and Jacquie will look into the options for getting the milk and cookies from Walmart in bulk.
- There will be no Hot Lunch Day for December.

### **7. Other Business**

Request for funds- Sloan's Trip planned for the whole school on December 21st and it will cost a total of \$7424.67.

- The school will be using \$1100 of their \$2500 allotment from Outdoor Education.
- Request for the Parent Council to put between \$500-\$1000 towards the trip to bring the costs down to under \$20/student.
- Giving \$500 would bring the cost to \$17/student and \$1000 would give us \$15/student.
- Parent Council will give \$500 to reduce the cost and we can give funds to any families that may need further support.
- Liz mentioned that we can also go to Noelle's Gift Fund for the Field Trip if families are in need.
- We are getting a Noelle's Gift Closet in the future. More details to come.

### **8. Adjournment: 7:23PM**

Next Meeting – November 23rd .