

**Start time → 7:06 pm | End time → 8:27pm**

**Attendees:**

*Dr. Malcom Richmon; Maris Langer; Voula Kladis; Mandy Stenzler; Jennifer Leung; Sabrina Costa; Adelaide Nguyen; John Wong; Vaz Qazi;*

1. Welcome
2. Review of Minutes (October 2019)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Co-Chairs' Report (Maris and Voula)
  - Fun Fair (Thursday June 11, 2020): As per the School Board's guidelines, there will be no bouncy castles. Will be investigating different options. Considering laser tag, different art centres, cookie decoration, and are looking for other suggestions.
  - School Spirit Wear: Launching tomorrow on School Cash Online. Samples for correct sizing will be available to parents at the school office during regular office hours. There are no exchanges.
  - Triple P presentations: Booked. The school will be hosting several presentations. As the presentations become available, information will be provided.
  - Toy Mountain: The school will be collecting toys to support Toy Mountain. Toy drop off at school will continue until December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Families are invited on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to the Pride of Canada Carousel (8080 Birchmount Road, Markham) where the Toy Mountain will be donated and broadcasted live during CTV Toronto's News at 6.
5. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer)
  - Movie event is -\$1,188.70.
    - **Amendment, December 2, 2019** - The revised report reflected the void cheque that did not show before. We did also have some money from cash online that had not been deposited. Our revised total for the movie event is a loss of \$352.55 (assuming all expenses have been submitted)
  - Skating deposit went out \$372.90.
  - General account balance \$22,341.03.
  - Pizza continues and balance in there is \$4,433.28.
  - Total in both accounts \$26,774.31.
6. Principal's Report November 2019 (Dr. Richmon)
  - Thank you's to all our School Council Members.
    - Co-Chairs.
    - Committee Chairs – Lunchtime Programs, Food, Outdoor Classroom, Fundraising, Community Events, (non-chair) Spirit Wear.
  - Labour Relations
    - ETFO Received Strike Mandate.
      - Information shared by the board.
      - I will blog out any formal information I receive.
        - Current work to rule doesn't have significant impact on the student experience.
      - Anticipate some challenge.
  - Site Work
    - Ongoing City of Markham Work.

- Municipality hot-patched some holes.
  - ‘Tarmac Only’ – Cold spell followed by warm spell has left the field quite wet.
  - Baseball Diamond—Shared with AMM that community request is that it be maintained.
- Acquisitions
  - Cost Sharing has yet to open (opens in new year).
    - Ordering iPads, Chromebooks.
    - Robotics (Sphero, OSMO, Lego).
    - Document cameras.
    - Sound System/Wireless Mics.
      - School order went into Long and McQuaid to purchase a single speaker Bluetooth enabled sound system w/ wireless mic.
    - Athletic Equipment/Uniforms.
- Some Professional Learning
  - Most new ‘professional learning’ will be paused during the job action.
  - Two teachers and myself attended – Math Network (w/ Baythorn, Discovery, German Mills, Henderson, Johnsvie Village, Maple Creek, Michael Cranny) – Focus on fractions.
  - Family of Schools – At Thornlea, encourage parents to learn about the school, impressive things with a very community feel.
  - One teacher attended – Robotics workshop (got a kit).
  - Healthy Schools action plan was developed w/ Public Health nurse and approved.
  - Walking Wednesday has begun.
  - Put school’s name forward for Mental Health Pilot Project.
    - Data informed across five areas:
      - Welcoming (Social and Physical Environments).
      - Including (Students Engaged).
      - Understanding (Knowing our students).
      - Promoting (Teaching and Learning – personal resiliency, socio-emotional regulation, conflict resolution, decision making).
      - Partnering (Home, School and Community Partnerships).
  - OFIP – Ontario Focused Interventional Program – Application submitted for a program for Grades 3 and 6.
- Leadership Team
  - Identified 8 Spirit Days, 7 remaining: PJs and Stuffed Animals, Opposite Day, Twin Day, Camo Day, Sports Team Day, Star Wars Day, Canadian Spirit Day.
- Other ‘things’ just passed, upcoming or underway
  - Fall Dance November 8<sup>th</sup>, thanks to those parents who ran the photo booth.
  - Tied into Food Drive which was very successful.
  - Toy Mountain – December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Pride of Canada Carousel (Birchmount, Markham) – new CTV producer.
  - Gifted Testing completed for all grade 3s.
  - We will be awarding our first Golden Dustbin tomorrow, initiative originally around better recycling, but has evolved.
  - Last assembly our student’s learned that our school mascot was upset being called, ‘hey lion’, so we’re having a contest to name our school mascot. Students will ‘vote’ in the New Year.

- Expression of interest to Big Brother/Sisters of York Region for programs, waiting for volunteers in our community.
  - Go Girls
  - Game On
- Odds and Ends
  - *Possible* holiday concert.
  - PRO Grant - \$500 potentially available.
  - Rookie Riders – Canadian Equestrian Association.
  - We have Junior Achievement coming the second week of December for grades 4 and 6 and in the new year for grade 5.
    - Financial literacy: last year was ‘Our Business World’, this year ‘Money Matters’.
  - Yorksafe Food Handling.

#### 7. Update from School Council Executive Positions

- Lunch time Programs Chair (Adelaide)
  - Next session will be running from January to March 2020. Soccer will have 2 classes: grades 1-3 and 4-6 (classes are flexible), Brixology(LEGO), Hip Hop, and looking into an art program.
- Lunch time Food Chair (Homa, not present)
  - Golden Pretzel continues for 1 more week. Before the end of the year, Astoria will be posted on Cash Online and will run from January 8<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Subway will run from February 12<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>,2020.
- Fundraising Chair (John)
  - School Wide Event-Winter Wonderland-February 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - Ongoing collection of prizes. Next month will be the deadline for all collections and then the administration processes will begin. Accepting all types of prizes: Cash, services, tickets, and is currently looking for more donations.
- Community Chair (Sabrina)
  - Social Events
    - Breakfast and a Movie was a success with a great turn out of 200 people. It ran at a loss but wasn’t expected to turn a profit.
      - Vaz suggested having a pre-approved budget going forward for this activity.
    - Skating Party-February 8<sup>th</sup> Will be reviewing waivers and all equipment needed to participate.
- Outdoor Classroom Chair (Vaz)
  - Received 2 quotes out of 6. Will be following up with the vendors.
  - Estimated cost is \$22,000- \$26,000.
  - Council has \$14,000 allocated for the outdoor classroom.
  - May need to consider fundraising, donations, apply for board eligible grants, and sponsorship.