

Start time → 7:04pm to 8:35pm

Attendees:

Dr. Malcom Richmon; Maris Langer; Voula Kladis; Mandy Stenzler; Jennifer Leung; Sabrina Costa; Adelaide Nguyen; Vaz Qazi; Homa Alammanesh; Eve Wang

1. Welcome
2. Review of Minutes (November 2019)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Co-Chairs' Report (Maris and Voula)
 - Fun Fair (Thursday June 11 2020): The Winter Wonderland event has completed, work will begin on the Fun Fair.
 - School Spirit Wear: There is an option to revisit and reorder in the future.
 - Bayview Glen Park Update: The park that the school uses belongs to the city and is up for a refresh. Since the park falls on some school property; the city is putting it all on the city property. The city can allocate a Renaissance fund to help refresh older park areas. The city found more money for a new park and will replace the sand with accessibility grounding. The park will follow accessibility guidelines. Bayview Glen Park Playground concept was passed along to the attendees and they estimate it will take about 3 weeks to build.
5. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer)
 - Total in General: \$21,262.84
 - Total in pizza account: \$2,821.72
 - \$1,627.79 out for Cost Sharing
 - Total altogether: \$24,084.56
6. Principal's Report January 2020 (Dr. Richmon)
 - Thank you's to all our School Council Members
 - Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Committee Chairs – Lunchtime Programs, Food, Outdoor Classroom, Fundraising, Community Events, (non-chair) Spirit Wear
 - Labour Relations
 - ETFO in legal job action
 - I will share out information or the board will share out information directly, as needed.
 - There are some challenges
 - Details around work-to-rule strike sanctions can be found on the board website.
 - Apparently talks are ongoing; if there is no agreement by Friday, January 31, elementary schools will be closed to students on Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7.
 - Site Work
 - Ongoing City of Markham Work.
 - Inquiring into painting the school (hallways/classrooms).

- Acquisitions
 - School's Cost Sharing order has gone in.
 - 1:2 matching with the board though reduced amount; \$1,666.67 school + \$3,333.33 board = \$5,000.00.
 - 16 Chromebooks.
 - 5 Smart Document Cameras.
 - 'Refresh' – All non-Windows 10 compatible computers going out.
 - 8 Laptops coming in.
 - 10 Chromebooks coming in.
 - Sound System/Wireless Mics purchased and in use.
 - Athletic Equipment/Uniforms needed

- Professional Learning
 - Most 'professional learning' is paused during the job action.
 - Other possibilities on the horizon, though:
 - 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).
 - Schoolwide Wellness Campaign – Likely for the Spring (April) – presentation from Holland Bloorview, coping displays, nutritionists, wellness-related activities.
 - Put Name forward for PE2GO (Physical Education 2 Go) - Train someone in niche physical education items that can be borrowed from the board.
 - OFIP – Ontario Focused Interventional Program – Application submitted for a program for Grades 3 and 6; funding received by program is presently on hold.

- Leadership Team
 - Twin Day, Camo Day, Sports Team Day, Star Wars Day, Canadian Spirit Day
 - Students did significant work around Lunar New Year
 - Games Club – Grade 5's & 6's planning to run recess club for grades 1-2 and 3-4.

- Other 'things' just passed, upcoming or underway
 - Toy Mountain success – December 17th, 2019 – Pride of Canada Carousel.
 - Gifted Testing completed for all grade 3's.
 - We continue awarding our Golden Dustbin.
 - 'Dot' mocrety was used to name our school mascot; he's officially Leo and he visits the class of the Royal Roar recipient on any given day.
 - Black History upcoming in Month February.
 - February 21st – Winter Wonderland.

- Odds and Ends
 - Enrollment – projecting at 201 students – a slight decrease from this year.
 - Snack program – very successful - funds almost depleted, though we received confirmation for a new ‘Green Apple’ grant from Metro for \$1000.00.
 - PRO Grant - \$500 potentially available – we have submitted an application but we’ve yet to hear back anything.
 - We had Junior Achievement coming in for all our grade 4’s, 6’s, and half the 5’s (the last group of grade 5’s will be next week).
 - Financial literacy: last year was ‘Our Business World’, this year ‘Money Matters’.
 - Yorksafe Food Handling – One of our office staff is going in March.

7. Update from School Council Executive Positions

- Lunch time Programs Chair (Adelaide)
 - Currently all 5 days are full. Monday: Hip Hop - 14 kids, Tuesday: Chess - 17 kids, Wednesday Brixology - 16 kids, Thursday: Soccer - 11 kids, Friday Created By Me Crafts - 11 kids
 - Will be reaching out for spring programs looking into Chess, Art, and Brixology. It was suggested to bring in volleyball, or a multi type sports program.
- Lunch time Food Chair (Homa)
 - Homa brought in Chinese food samples for the attendees to try out for a new lunch option.
 - Subway coming after Astoria, looking for new options afterwards.
- Fundraising Chair (John-not present)
 - School Wide Event - Winter Wonderland - February 21st.
 - Some of the donations expire before school end and there is consideration of making a sealed online auction.
- Community Chair (Sabrina)
 - Social Events
 - Skating Party - February 8th - Will be reviewing waivers and all equipment needed to participate.
 - Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.
- Outdoor Classroom Chair (Vaz)
 - Reached out to another vendor as a fourth quote.
 - Vaz recommended an additional \$10,000 to the funds that are set aside for the outdoor classroom.
 - The funds were increased to \$20,205.00
- Funding/Allocation of resources
 - Vaz suggested having a pre-approved budget going forward for planned events and activities.
 - Options were discussed but the conclusion was that a pre-approved budget couldn’t be set due to the unknown and uncontrollable variables.