

Start time → 7:00 –8:18pm

Attendees: Online Meeting

Dr. Malcolm Richmon; Voula Kladis; Mandy Stenzler; Jennifer Leung; Sherri Sbeih; Elena Haramis; Andrea Chow; Annie Gabrielian; Adelaide Nguyen; Marjan Attar-zadeh.

1. Welcome
2. Review of Minutes (December 2021)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Co-Chairs' Report (Sherri, Jennifer)
 - Spirit Wear (Sherri)
 - Launched this week, email went out.
 - All spirit wear can be ordered from now until February 18th with school cash online.
 - Added some items and some fun colours.
 - Another email will be sent out next week.
 - Valentines Day (Jen)
 - Cookies have been ordered for the students.
 - Class door decorating contest.
 - Virtual field trips (Sherri)
 - There is a lot of information and opportunities available for virtual fieldtrips.
 - It depends on the teacher if they have a virtual field trip.
 - There are some challenges to holding a virtual field trip, it can be labour intensive and costly to parents.
 - Butterfly kits (Voula)
 - Kits for the class.
 - There are 2 different types of kits.
 - Might be better for the younger grades.
 - Waiting to hear back from the organization.
 - Fun Fair (Sheri)
 - Not sure what we would be allowed to do from the school board standpoint.
 - Will be looking into holding an outside movie.
 - Tentative date: Wednesday June 1st, 2022. PA Day on June 2nd, 2022.
 - Grade 6 Farewell Ceremony (Jen)
 - Looking for a date, some restrictions.
 - Elementary schools cannot have the event on the same day as the secondary schools.
 - Find out when Thornlea and German Mills will be holding the event.
 - 3 different things have been done in the past.
 - Ceremony, a meal at a restaurant or a grade 6 offsite trip.
 - Usually held the second last week of school.
 - Could possibly put together a committee if there is a green light from the board.
5. Treasurer's Report (Andrea Chow)
 - Opening Balance: \$13,551.73
 - Pizza Fund Balance: \$ 3,021.21
 - Grand Total: \$16,572.94
6. Principal's Report – February 3, 2022 (Dr. Richmon)
 - As always 'thank you's to community members for support

- Updates
 - Currently 182 students.
 - We had fewer remote learners prior to the New Year.
 - Expectedly, we had many requests to change learning models to remote when school reopened.
 - Gradually, we are receiving requests to change learning models to face to face.
 - Earliest projections for Fall of 2022 are comparable (or slightly below) current enrollment.
 - As always, please encourage families to register early.
- Site work
 - Seasonal: Orange demarcation posts and winter snow – exacerbates snow piling up, makes bus loading and unloading difficult.
 - Seasonal: Cleaning/salting of back tarmac (even with no operational portable).
 - Multiple indoor/reduced outdoor recesses when temperatures below -15.
 - Opportunities for students to engage in physical activity indoors (e.g. Walk and Talks).
 - Menstrual equity program – ‘Change the Cycle’ launched.
 - Free menstrual hygiene products available to all elementary schools.
 - Dispensers installed in one female identified washroom and one gender-neutral washroom.
 - Ongoing
 - Look to Baseball diamond remains in its current condition, revisited in the Spring.
- School Happenings
 - Spirit Wear.
 - Just launched, a few early orders.
 - Lunar New Year.
 - Leadership team supported with announcements, student artwork, red envelopes.
 - Black History Month.
 - Classroom learning and resources available.
 - Emphasis centering on people of African, Caribbean, and Canadian heritage, famous and not so famous, who have influenced the nation and the world through their ideas, words and actions.
 - Also school-wide announcements, bulletin board and contest.
 - Valentine’s Day.
 - We’ve ordered PPM 150 approved Valentine’s Cookies.
 - Other possibilities?
 - Door decorating contest, parent ‘notes’ to kids, etc.
 - Yearbook.
 - Possible in-house Yearbook.
 - Labour intensive.
 - Using local (non-cloud based) platform.
 - Some school-based events being captured in photos.
 - Fewer hybrid students being captured/photos taken.
 - Costs? Possible School Council funding?
 - Leadership Team.

- Grades 4-6.
- Plan and support school initiatives.
 - Holidays (Nowruz, March 20).
 - Spirit Days (PJ/Stuffy Day, Sports Team Day – tentatively, March and April).
- PRO Grant – application submitted; awaiting approval of proposal (timelines extended regionally).
- Community event – Virtual bingo one possibility.
 - Testers needed.
 - Prizes needed.
- Teams/Clubs.
 - Athletics.
 - Suspended
 - Clubs.
 - Choir. (suspended).
 - No intermural sports permitted at this time.
 - Ready to begin when permitted.
 - Bracelet Making Club (completed).
 - Craft Club (Winter).
- COVID Mitigation
 - Distributed box of the take-home RAT tests to schools prior to break; 2 additional tests upon return.
 - Take-home PCR tests (only) for students and staff who are sent home symptomatic, must be dropped off.
 - 3 ply cloth masks available for students.
 - No longer reporting school based cases, absentee data shared.
 - Gradual decrease of absences over last two weeks.
- Acquisitions.
 - New Speaker Sets for Media Carts.
 - 'Poppit' Fidgets.
 - 2 Portable Bluetooth Speakers.
- Possible Future Acquisitions.
 - Digital Projectors (Most important).
 - Technology items (Chromebooks/foldable).
 - Our Chromebooks are aging, some no longer serviced.
 - No cost sharing this year.
 - Athletic uniforms, particularly as sports teams resume.
- Renewing the School Improvement Plan.
 - Violence Prevention Training.
 - Mental Health and Well-being.
 - Student Mental Health Ontario Resources.
 - WELCOME - Social and Physical Environment.
 - INCLUDE - Student Engagement and Belonging.
 - UNDERSTAND - Mental Health Literacy and Knowing Your Students (current focus, January).
 - PROMOTE - Curriculum, Teaching and Learning.
 - PARTNER - Home, School, Community Partnerships.
 - Supporting English Language Learners: Canadian born and newcomer.
 - International students have begun to return.
 - Continued Regional Emphasis on Dismantling Anti-Black Racism.

- Bias aware progressive discipline.
 - Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy.
 - Personalized and responsive learning experiences.
 - PEAC: Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee.
 - PEAC Website.
 - PEAC Newsletter (Engagement Matters).
- 7.0 Update from School Council Executive Positions and Volunteer Recruitment.
- 7.1 Lunch time Programs Chair (Adelaide)
- Update in house clubs.
 - Nothing new to add to Dr. Richmon's notes.
- 7.2 Lunch time Food Chair (On Hold)
- Hoping this will be made available this year.
- 7.3 Fundraising Chair (Elena) (On Hold)
- 7.4 Community /Virtual Chair (Elena, Voula)
- Events:
 - Outdoor skating at “The Rink” Promenade
 - Available for purchase for private use for 2 hours.
 - Students should or will be required to wear helmets.
 - Looking into the cancelation policy due to weather.
 - Looking into tentative dates and times.
 - Considering the Friday of Family Day weekend, between 6-8 pm.
 - Will provide hot chocolate and coffee.
 - Virtual Bingo- Elena /Dr. Richmon
 - Looking to have a test run on Bingo Baker.
 - Tentative date for event: Feb 24th, 2022.
- 7.5 Principal Profile (Annie)
- Updated and completed.
- 8.0 Future Meeting Dates
- March 10th, 2022.
 - April 28th, 2022.