



Robert Hopkins School Council

Record of Discussion

Thursday, February 16, 2023

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, introductions and thank yous (Everyone)
 - Jamie McCallum, Co-Chair
 - Alanna Twohey, Co-Chair
 - Donna Kind, Communications Chair
 - Annalee Rice, Greening Chair
 - Kristin Bowden, Secretary
 - Stacey Grenier, Vice Principal
 - Nathalie Sharma, Principal
 - Paul Seif, Teacher Representative
 - Heather Forsyth
 - Janet Hare
 - Alexandra Arraiz
 - Em Damiani, Diversity chair
- 2) Land acknowledgement (Alexandra)
- 3) Motion to approve minutes from December, 2022 meeting
 - Motion by Alana
 - Seconded by Em

- Motion carried

4) School Updates:

Admin Report (Nathalie)

- Black History Month
- Report cards and IEPs: report cards sent 15 February, 2023 and IEPs will go out next week
- Tutoring and Support – will continue but government will not support past March (3 tutors, foundational math and literacy skills, confidence, 2-5 days per week, 54 students, very effective and supported students have made great progress.
 - Ideas were discussed regarding ways to continue additional tutoring support going forward (volunteers). Nathalie will discuss with staff.
- Literacy support:
 - One Empower Group finished was a great success
 - Mid-year DIBELS assessments were done in all classes in January, data has been used for progress monitoring and next steps planning
 - Lexia (literacy online software) licenses will be monitored (we have 31) and reassigned using data and the needs of the school to assign licenses for January to March
 - Teachers are seeing great progress and improvements in literacy due to new initiatives in teaching and with support from tutors
- OPH Nurse (Nathalie Dore) has offered for OPH to do a Parent Info Session

- Will defer to next meeting to discuss

Teacher's Report (Paul)

- Luv2groove – teachers say thank you and kids loved it
- RHOP choir – gearing up to sing national anthem at Ottawa 67s Hockey Game February 24th
- Tripleball sports team (grade 3, 4, 5), have been working hard culminated in tournament at Forest Valley. Mme. Grenier is organizing intramural tripleball (for grade 4 & 5 students)
- Chime choir continues to meet at recess on Wednesdays, with the help of Mme. Gordon, getting ready for live performance in the spring
- Weewaytin Speaks Cultural Inquiry presented to students and gave dreamcatcher workshop to grade 5 students
- Tim Tierney Municipal Roles Inquiry: roles and initiatives taken on as a member of government, guided tour of city hall – future field trip
- Courses on Justice system and reconciliation - mock trial planned
- Ottawa Public Health Presentations – effects of alcohol and tobacco
- Dog Safety Exercise – Jan 17th and 24th – when and how to approach an unfamiliar dog and practice
- Caring for Pets Inquiry with Ottawa Humane Society
- Core French Carnival Masks – cultural festivals and french practice
- 100th Day of School – small celebrations in class
- Grade 1 / 2 English, Grade 3 EFI activities

- Interviews re Cultural Traditions – Cree, Trinidadian, French Canadian culture, cultural foods sampling
 - Blues in the Schools – 4 guest musicians and workshop
- 5) Budget Update – Alanna (on behalf of Matthew)
- Updated 15 Feb
 - Holiday donations: ~\$350 spent + ~\$650 donation to Carson Grove
 - Movie Night proceeds \$651
 - Withdrawals \$3937,
 - \$5505 December 31st balance
 - Total funds \$7992.41
- 6) PRO Grant
- Grant application due 20 Feb 2023 - \$750 to be used for school/parent/caregiver community to fill gap (could be resource, guest speaker, etc.) – to support DEI initiatives. Ideas: Interactive information session on EFI program & school system & Tiered Intervention Program & potluck,
 - ACTION ITEM: Council members to draft application to have two School Council Meetings at 220 Jasmine Crescent community room location (cost of rental, transportation if needed)
- 7) Movie Night
- Huge success! - 320 tickets, extras at door 67 pizzas, 5 leftover
 - Tips and lessons learned – two doors, alphabetized tables, etc.

- any other feedback solicited over email

8) 67's Game (Jamie and Em):

- Almost 200 tickets sold so far

9) Fun Fair and Silent Auction (Jamie and Janet)

- Going big – invite whole community, Janet organizing silent auction, etc.
- Sign-up sheet for volunteers to be circulated

10) Glow Run

- road closure application has to go in the summer
- Alanna and Em volunteer to organize

11) Roundtable

- School Directory (Kristina) to be circulated next weekend

Next Meeting March 9th, 2023 @6:30-8:00pm at Gloucester High School - room 1044 & 1051

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm