

School Council - Nov 25, 2020

Location: Google Meet

Time: 7:30 pm

Attendees: Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Christine White, Karla Power, Ian Barr, Jennifer, Kelly

Meeting Chair: Christine

Lindsay has stepped down as Chair. Vice Chair- Christine has taken the role in the meantime.

Introduction from Christine

Positions open- Chair or Vice Chair

Positions have now been publicly announced.

Chair-

Vice Chair- Christine White

Secretary- Char Van Driesten

Communications Officer- Lacey Bowie

Teacher Representative- Tanya Drover

Member at Large- Ian Barr

Fundraising Committee Representative- Jen Hoilund

Inclusion Sub Committee Rep- Karla Power

Network Reps- Lindsey Parson, Chrissy White

Principals Report by Mr. Thorne

Fall has been largely taken by Covid efforts. "Normal" pace seems to be closer now. But yet again back on high alert.

No change for us until Christmas break Dec 18th. Jan 4th to 8th students will be learning online.

Anticipating a less intense transition as it is only a 5 day period. We will know more before we dismiss for Christmas.

Important for parents to understand it's been stressful, our staff have been amazing, our students have adjusted! The stress level is incredibly high. We have 55 staff members of which 75% consider themselves to be highly stressed. We are thankful for their hard work and determination in this time.

Especially transitioning to online learning when none of them have been taught how to do that.

We just miss the parents. We love our parents.

Issue team?? at the school had a meeting today. Something we would like to do is a 12 days of kindness, asking for items to be donated to the food bank. More details to come. As well as the angel tree. Please encourage all parents to give back to the community. It's not just about fundraising for our school but also our community.

Mr.Sedgwick feels blessed to be surrounded with these wonderful people during the pandemic.

Inclusion Committee Update by Mrs. Power

Inquiring more funding for our inclusive playground. \$15,000 has been donated from TC Energy, along with many other donors.

\$68,200 Has been raised total to date.

All donations are welcome. Big or small. This is not just a contribution to the school but the community! Sensory room is lacking. Snug swim would be preferable which would have to be single use per student. An Informal request was made to Richard and the Fundraising committee for these swings to be purchased, 7 in total.

Richard and Karla to put together a formal written request.

Next Inclusive Meeting -December 10th at 7:30 pm

Fundraising Committee- Jennifer Hoiland

Art card samples went home today. Dec 1st is the deadline. The deadline is important.

Growing Smiles fundraiser brought in \$6770! Pick up will be from Jen's house at 158 Nelson Lane. 8-8 on dec 4th. Kept in a heated garage. We do have some extras.

Next Fundraising Meeting will be Dec 1st 6:30pm

Mission and Vision Statements

ASCA suggested we use the schools mission and visions statements to start creating our own for our school council.

Christina Gordon's Mission Statement

"Together we are a safe and caring ???"

Keys values:

Safe and Caring

Active

21st learning

How to learn

Respect

Leaders

Global

Having fun

Ian Barr suggested - "Growing the CG community through support, growth, and development of the students, staff, and parents."

It was agreed by the committee to make this our starting point, and Ian was thanked for his contribution.

Vision Statement- "A place where parents want to send there kids and a place where kids want to bell

It was agreed that this committee would use the same vision statement.

Both will be revisited at the next meeting.

Round Table

- Can we be using the Pillars Survey results to help lead our committee. Richard to present the breakdown at next meeting.
- Staff survey concerns were expressed and the need to find ways this committee can support the staff.
- Staff Appreciation week could have some changes made for this year to show our love. This committee could play a big role in this.
- ASCA Networks meeting invite was requested by a member. Christine to send forward this information. Anyone from this committee is welcome to join. Please let Richard or Christine know if you are interested

Next Meeting

Suggested date: TDB

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Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm