

School Council Meeting Dec 6th 2021

Attendance: Dianna Wright-Drzazga, Meagan Hawkshaw, Christine Patterson, Vanessa Hurley,
Nicole Basque, Angie Jarvis, Atousa Faraz and Michelle Walbank

6:30 – 8:00

1. **Welcome**
2. **Principal's Report**

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

1. Mathematics - staff have been taking part in PD around Building A Thinking Classroom & are working to have students spend more time completing thinking type questions. We are also focusing as a school on Problem Solving and Math Conversations in our classrooms.
2. Math Learn@Home series for parents was shared in the December newsletter
 - a. Participants will receive a math pack of resources to use at home, and must pre-register for each of the sessions by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/SCDSB-MathAtHomeRegistration>
 - b. Sessions:
 - i. **Having fun with math facts @Home**, Feb. 17, 7 to 8 p.m.
 - ii. **Making math connections @Home**, March 24, 7 to 8 p.m.
 - iii. **Problem solving@Home**, April 26, 7 to 8 p.m.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

1. A survey was sent home to families as we are working to gather more information about our school population. Our next steps will be to review this data and to look at our resources to determine what further materials would benefit our students.
2. Michele Newton - presentation for 3 of our classes has taken place

Well-Being

1. As a staff we are continuing to focus on emotion coaching.
2. Learning Series for Parents (information in newsletter); visit <https://bit.ly/3jGaC74> for more information and to register
 - a. Next session is on Jan. 25 and is on Understanding and Managing Screen time
3. Our cyber bullying presentation took place for our Intermediate classes and our Junior classes will have their session the 1st day back to school in the new year.

Community

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barrie Colts night - game day is Feb. 3rd - Barrie Colts vs. Kingston Frontenacs and tickets are available on School Cash Online 2. Spirit Days - Dec. 16 Grinch Day, Dec. 17 House Colours Day 3. Christmas Cheer - we are asking families who are able to make monetary donations this year as this is the preferred method for donations for this year 4. As well, intramurals have started for our Intermediate classes only; this is the only group that we are currently permitted to run indoor sports with where cohorts are mixed
Health & Safety
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid Case at school – council members asked about protocols in regards to Covid cases at school and also what is considered a “close contact” 2. Rapid Testing Kits are being sent home with all students prior to the holidays; this is a voluntary program but will support helping to keep our community safe upon our return in January
Other Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have started the hot lunch program and so far things seem to be going well; parents need to order by Sunday at noon for the following week

3. Chair Updates / Information

- a. Science night will be offered second week of February. Were provided with two themes (“ooh that’s gross and art and science) to choose from and possible nights and times during the week. Will be firmed up soon.
- b. Offence Declaration is due by Dec 17th for those that are returning volunteers. To start the process to become volunteer at the school, see:
<https://www1.scdsb.on.ca/app/CommunityPass/Welcome>

4. Financial Updates

- a. Fundscrip: \$328.14 with another \$85.57 pending, for a total of 413.71 so far
- b. Hot lunch - no totals to share yet
- c. Barrie Colts - \$357 dollars worth of tickets sold so far

5. Sub Committees

i. Fundraising

- a. Lunch box – Currently being offered and going well. Price of pasta will increase by \$1 in 2022.
- b. Fundscrip – ongoing. Promotion efforts are working.

- c. Colts tickets – the game is booked for February 3rd. Nicole will work on a take-home flyer/Facebook blast for promotion
- d. Spring Fair – Exploring an outdoor fair with food trucks, bouncy castles, silent auction, firefighters and maybe some outdoor local vendors.
- e. Chelsey’s Chocolates - for Valentines day or Easter. They are doing a trial with Shanty Bay for Christmas. If it goes well they would love to work with our school for future holiday fundraisers.
- f. Horseshoe Resort - Would like to offer a Tuesday or Wednesday evening tubing event for the families of W.R best at a rate of \$15.00 tax included per person. Guests would be welcome to tube from 4-9pm. Horseshoe Resort would like to donate 100% of the proceeds of this event back to the school. Their marketing team would be happy to make up a promotional sheet for this event - if we would like to choose a date they can get this set up right away. The event will need to take place following the Christmas holidays.
- g. Big box fundraising
 - a. Blend in with spring fair/ bazaar
 - b. Do we want to go forward with this? Angie will look into this further and advise
- h. Bradford Green houses – Portion of sales goes to school, for items purchased between April and October.

ii. Year book – no update at this time. Lots of pictures being taken.

6. Old business

7. New Business/ Questions

8. Upcoming Council Dates:

- a. Mondays @ 6:30 - Jan 24, Mar 28, Apr 25 and May 30