

Parent Council Meeting
December 6, 2019

Attendees: Cory, Sean, Jen, Lori, Mena, Aviva, Babak, Priya, Mary, Melissa, Tali & Madison (student reps)

Approval of previous minutes

- Motion to accept: Aviva
- Second: Babak

Welcome Tali and Madison

- two student reps who are also on student council

Principals Report

- Staffing updates (Mr. Best taking over Ms. Tan's maternity leave, Ms. Rezaei to replace Ms. V until end of December. Ms. Maxlino has moved to a new school to support another student.
- Principal of Westmount to do an info session for Grade 7&8 parents on Thursday January 17th at 6:30pm
- Working on several initiatives around the school to promote a culture of kindness, helpfulness and community amongst our students. Students who help each other at recess time are being recognized as Recess Heroes. We are also having an Act of Kindness bulletin board contest for the month of December, where each class will demonstrate an act of kindness that they are committing to.
- After the holidays, we will be establishing Buddy Classes where older and younger classes will be paired up for mentoring and activities.
- Our Grade 5 and 6 classes are also going to be involved in a special community outreach project that will link the curriculum with opportunities to spread the message of kindness and helping others in our wider community.
- Volleyball season has wrapped up. Basketball season is now beginning.
- YRDSB technology cost share program has been postponed until the new year. Will run from January to April.

Priya – speaking to students about World Mental Health and anti-bullying day. Also teaching students about feeling safe, welcome and included. Activities planned to incorporate this.

Tali/Madison (student reps)

- Student council is working on spirit days.
- Focusing on mental health with peers.
- Intermediate students been reading books with primary students on feelings. It was a successful program and taught the primary children about their feelings.

Report from Chair – trying to connect with Ventura about what they have done in the past for the dance-a-thon.

Financial Report – second donation letter went out to parents. We received an extra \$330. Chrome books to be purchased from Jan-April. With any extra funds raised, we can look at ordering more chrome books.

Dance-A-Thon

- Thursday Feb 14th
- Bounce Entertainment booked as a DJ
- Prize budget of \$300 requested
- Décor budget of \$100 requested
- Door Prize raffle ticket is \$3. Hoping to raise enough from that part of the raffle to cover most of the DJ
- Hoping to get some larger prizes donated
- The Idea is to get kids to raise money – for every \$5 raised, they would get 1 ticket. All prizes will be displayed the day of the event and raffle boxes will be in front of the prizes, so the kids can put their ballots in front of what they hope to win
- Experiences will also be part of prizes (principal for a day, etc.)
- Hoping to display prizes in showcase before event
- Letter to parents about sponsoring or donating prizes to be given before holiday break
- Valentines Dance A Thon sponsor sheet be given out in January at some point

- Mary to help with prizes
- Looking for day of event Set up/clean up volunteers and prize coordination

\$1000 for dance a thon (includes DJ) - Approved

Opposed – none

Math Night – Thursday Feb 21st – 6-7:30

- Theme is amazing race.
- Families to work together
- Lots of math games
- School team to work out logistics
- Math game prizes to be won.
- Possible reception afterwards with coffee and desserts.

Next meeting January 10th