

Principal's Report to Parent Council – January 12th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM



1. **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.

Grade 6: 110 (+3)

Grade 7: 99

Grade 8: 123

Total: 332

Staff Updates

- Mr. Tambakis has returned from his leave since December
- Mr. Maxwell has returned from his leave since June
- Mr. Kehler has returned since his leave in December
- Mr. N. Musse (EA-C) has moved to Linwood School

2. **Thank you!**

- For your pursuance of grants and funding for our outdoor learning space.

3. **Recent School Events, Clubs and Supports of/for Learning:**

- **Academics:**
 - Remote Learning provided for all students for the first week of school. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.
 - Remote Learning is following our 6-day schedule with 4 x 30 min classes in the morning and afternoon with all classes running as opposed to core content only.
- **Arts:**
 - Our Rockband rocked the halls on the last day of school.
 - Our dance team performed and produced a holiday music video for all to enjoy within and beyond our school.
- **Athletics:**
 - Athletics are on hold until the resumption of in-class learning.
 - Athletic Awards were provided
 - Basketball team coaches:
 - Tier 1 Girls = Mr. W/Mr. Meakin
 - Tier 2 Girls = Ms. Sarahs
 - Tier 1 Boys = Mr. Theissen
 - Tier 2 Boys = Mr. Jain
- **School Wide Initiatives:**

- Holiday Spirit Week was held that encouraged all to dress up and participate in a variety of activities including the fundraising for the Mission in Mexico campaign with the sale of Candy Cane and Candy Bag-Grams. Almost \$350 was raised.
- Covid-19 vaccination clinic occurred on Dec. 17th from 1:30 – 6:30
- Lion Pride Awards were held on the last day of school before the break with 18 students added to our wall.
- GetReal Virtual Presentations: Jan 17th all grade 7 and 8 students will learn about inclusion from personal narratives and experience. Participants will highlight human connections, shared emotions, diversity from relatable speakers from the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- GetReal Virtual Presentations return in February to begin the conversation of Black History and diversity with all grade levels.

5. Building Enhancements, Improvements and “As is” Items:

- Grooming Room Construction is almost completed
- New front doors installed at the main entrance
- Library technology has been updated and installed

6. COVID Updates

- Remote learning remains in place for the week pending a provincial announcement.
- Grade 6 cohorting restrictions remain in place upon student’s return.
- Less demand and emphasis placed on contact tracing in schools at this time.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte
Principal

Meeting Minutes

- Sherri Flint called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
- December meeting minutes approved by Corrie Friesen and seconded by Rebecca

Outdoor Classroom Update from Tayler from Little Bluestem:

- Drawings have been revised to accommodate the boulder spacing as requested by the division. Bench options have been revised and the granular area has been expanded.
- Plant varieties, shrubs, maintenance budgets were all discussed.
- Next steps will require a thorough review with the division (Randy Calvert) to ensure the plans can move ahead once the 60% drawings have been received.
- Accessibility in Communities Grant through the federal government was recommended as a funding option.
- Brea Williams continues to submit applications. Denials have been received from Shell and Stantec.
- Capital campaign within the community is a possibility that we are willing to explore.

- Discussions had about social media campaigns and getting the word out to support the campaign.
- An article that includes our ongoing campaign efforts and design plans will be provided to local publications for distribution and awareness.
- Is it possible for students to initiate the creation of a video or social media campaign?
- Motion made to approve for 10% (\$12,452) to be committed to the approval of any grant applied for should they be accepted. This motion was approved by Corrie Friesen and seconded by Sherri Flint.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials provided with an explanation of current financials. \$3804.04 is our current balance in savings. \$13,031.17 is our current balance in chequing.
- Pizza Lunches will be maintained status quo moving forward. Report was shared with no questions asked.
- Sherri motioned for approval, Jason Barton approved, and Val Johnson seconded the approval.

Principal's Report:

Report was shared. Some questions about masks for clarifications.

Fundraising Report:

- Toonie draw using an online platform (Simply K) with a lottery license to be applied for. The draw would take place over a 3-4 week period in the spring of 2022. Brea would look into completing the lottery liscence. Motion forwarded by Brea to use this platform. Corrie seconded.
- Purdy's chocolates fundraiser to be explored by Val Johnson with online orders placed through the month of March.
- Mom's Pantry fundraiser to be held. All to be completed online as opposed to paper catalogues and order forms. Val motioned for approval of Mom's Pantry fundraiser to happen in late January/February.
- All felt that the key to these fundraisers is communication of the creation of the outdoor learning space.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, February 8th at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm