

## School Council Meeting – January 10, 2023

Call to Order: 18:33 Heather Sharp

Attendance: Josh Hartman, Spencer Pinnock, Heather Sharp, Alyssa Hudson, May Platana, Amanda Dost, Andree Arseneault

1. Review of the Agenda – Heather Sharp 18:35
2. Approval of the Minutes of December 6, 2022 – Heather Sharp motions to approve, Amanda Dost seconds. Approved.
3. Financial Report: Treasurer – Andree Arseneault
  - a. Financial Trustee / Status to date:
    - i. Current standing is \$3403.54
      1. This reflects the Halloween Dance Funds and the Christmas store Hot Chocolate, Cookies and Wagon Wheels (\$66.73)
        - Discussed that the Cookies and Wagon Wheels were a good way to go for providing treats
      2. Heather Sharp motions to approve the financial report. May Platana seconds. Approved.
4. Old Business
  - a. Christmas Store
    - Went well – good turn out
    - clean up in labeled, uniform-sized boxes
    - Going forward, only new donations will need to be sorted
    - Short on teens and dads for roll-over to next year
    - Many wrappers this year – six at a time
  - b. Hot Lunch
    - Occurred during cold snap – attendance was at about 50%
    - It was nice
5. Principal's Report:
  - a. Results Report – break up into groups to discuss each of the 3 priorities
    - i. Literacy/ comprehension reading – May Platana
      1. Stood out – over the past 3 years our below reading levels increased, reading level has decreased, above grade level is steady
      2. Celebrate – Improvement post-intervention was substantial
      3. Question/Curiosity – Reading/Literacy are so important, will our skills continue to decline?, What outside factors contribute to declining literacy levels? How much time can we dedicate to it without compromising other learning?
    - ii. Numeracy/engagement – Heather Sharp and Alyssa Hudson
      1. Stood out – gaps between how engaged students assess themselves, and how engaged teachers/parents see them, Math PAT is low,
      2. Celebrate – Parents were engaged enough to answer the survey, teachers seem to feel they are doing all they can, numeracy intervention showed substantial improvement

3. Questions/curiosities – what learning is lost over the summer? When will we know if the province will fund the interventions?
- iii. Inclusion – Amanda Dost, Andree Arseneault
  1. Stood out – the stats are higher for parents/staff vs. students
  2. Celebrate – Elder Darlene is a good influence in the school,
  3. Questions/curiosities – how do we encourage parent involvement?
- iv. Role parents play –
  - Building the bridge of engagement between school and home?
  - How can we engage more after school learning? (weekly challenges, specific questions to ask kids, sharing ideas for at home practice between households, learning evenings with parents)
- b. Homework for next meeting - Write a Tweet: Share the priorities and reflect the culture of Hillside to a new family. (140 characters Max)
6. Trustee's Report: Ray Buziak – not in attendance
7. New Business
  - a. Attendance concerns – cold snap: can we better support student attendance with ridesharing? Very helpful for Tammy when parents call to report student absences.
  - b. Fundraisers – Student Council would like to help build funds.
    - Will earmark fundraising efforts for Trickster Theatre. If our application isn't successful, we can decide on another student enrichment venture.
    - School generated fundraisers (e.g. Hot lunches) will continue
    - Fundraising Ideas: Purdy's (Easter), Read-A-Thon, Art Auction, Raffle/Door Prize, Valentine's Dance? Candy grams?
      - ❖ Heather Sharp and Amanda Dost left the meeting
    - Commit to: Purdy's (Easter), Read-A-Thon (Alyssa Hudson will make Pledge Sheet for next meeting) Valentines Dance, Valentine's Candygram
  - c. Valentine's Dance – Friday February 17, 2023
    - Raffle Prize (Drone, Scooter) – do we need a gaming licence? (May Platana will look into what we need to call it not to need Gaming License)
    - Will have concession
    - Discussed possibility of charging for attendance, but no proposal was made to charge entry ticket fee
  - d. Candygrams – Feb 1-10, 2023
    - Orders can be placed between February 1 and February 10.
    - Send suggestions of cost-effective candy options to Josh Hartman

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023

Andree Arseneault motions to Adjourn at 20:36, May Platana seconds.