

Castlemore PS School Council Meeting	<i>Monday, November 7th, 2022 6:30-7:30pm</i>	Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
{Participants}	<i>Anita Huang Fung Yan Elesh Mahlana Rae Kelly Cindy Raj Grace Liu Yuzhu Leeanne Hoover-Joy Max (left partway) Shenthuja Ramana Steffanie Cheung</i>	
Introductions	Welcome everyone to our school council meeting tonight. If you are new, we would love the opportunity to get to know you. Could you please share your name and what grade your kids are in?	
Land Acknowledgement		
School Council Meeting	Approval of minutes - through email	
School Month Highlights		
School Improvement Plan	<p>Ongoing work in recognizing the identities represented at Castlemore</p> <p>Focus last year - looking at existing resources, what we already have and spend money on areas that needs to be filled up</p> <p>This year, we are part of a Board Video celebrating a variety of identities (Diwali Celebrations), featuring students at Castlemore; shared with the whole school board</p>	<p>Working towards celebrating identities that aren't as represented in the community</p> <p>Follow the Castlemore Twitter account for pictures!! @CastlemoreYRDSB</p>
Upcoming Dates	Interview Night	

	<p>For SK-Grade 8</p> <p>JK parents will be invited into the classroom</p> <p>Progress reports go home after interview → Board is moving into digital platform called Powerschool → some tweaks and issues delayed the date to send out reports → can always provide printed copy of report</p> <p>Grade 8s are unable to go to trip as scheduled, will be looking at alternate dates</p>	
EQAO	<p>Virtual hybrid learning environment → will now be digital → present different ways of clicking → provide additional information, patterns, differences, strengths and needs</p> <p>Despite EQAO, schools are not ranked based on scores → EQAO provides opportunity to look for sustained growth over a 5 year period</p> <p>Grade 3 and Grade 6 teachers sometimes feel like they are responsible for the results, but it is actually a building of learning across the 'primary' grades and 'junior' grades</p>	<p>New math curriculum → added Financial Literacy</p> <p>Access to computer devices → instead of 3 days of paper assessment, the digital assessment allows student to access over period of a week</p>
EQAO results and summaries	<p><u>Positive Highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry level is level 3 (where we want to see students achieving) - Pattern at Castlemore is that students are achieving well as compared to board and provincial levels - Not only focused on scores but also 	<p><u>Areas of Need</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on the students who are not achieving level 3; we want to know who they are, how to focus learning and how to pull them up to a level 3 - Students who feel like they belong at school only 66% (seems a little low)

	highlight student affect towards their learning and school	
Fundraising Focus	<p>Financial support for bringing in speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Islamic heritage artwork (virtual) - Black history - First Nations <p><i>Who are the presenters or vendors that are available and what are they presenting or representing? → Authentic experience</i></p> <p>Ongoing Plan: Last year we looked into steam coding materials, a few staff (and steam consultant) are going to look at the curriculum and see what resources/materials that can support the curriculum in different grades</p> <p>Currently 10 ipads in each Kindergarten classroom for students to use, but they are old and slow and some applications cannot be downloaded</p> <p><u>Library Space Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New furniture ~10k - Will be progressing throughout the year to build the space <p><u>Community Class Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pulled out benches and making a soft space - Relaxing and calming for special needs students 	<p>Focusing on priorities</p> <p>Current Council Funds ~\$2900</p> <p>Engaging the community and inviting families to come be a part of the school community</p> <p>Raise funds to support the school initiatives</p> <p>Fundraising committee - if interested in joining, please let Anita or Elesh know 😊 would love to hear your ideas!</p>
Movie Night	JK-Grade 5 (originally planned Nov 9) → will be delayed	

	<p>Send communication to parents to advise change in date, no new date yet; Parents who already paid for pizza, their funds will be saved for the rescheduled date.</p> <p>Weeknight options - no permits are available except certain Wednesday Nights</p>
Next Meeting Date	December 5th