

Parent Council Meeting-
November 6th, 2023 7-815

Introductions-Joe Gold (Principal), Stephanie Sher (Vice Principal), Ms. Melanie Rubinoff (teacher representative) Ms. Anatasia Arnakoris (teacher representative)

Agenda:

- Land acknowledgement -Joe Gold
- Motion to approve minutes from September meeting (Rhona and Renee, 2nd by Allie and Risa)agreed by all
- September Minutes recap-welcome activity, spending money-allocation, sub committees, vote on council members

Chairs

Rhona and Renee (introduction) Shonali (Absent)
-put forth motion to approve minutes -approved

Treasurer's report

- playground maintenance account
- fundraising-BBQ and movie night-update on account balance (Maxim)

Clubs-math club, inclusion ambassadors, colour house ambassadors, language club, pokemon club, yearbook club, chess club, dance club, knitting club, drama club, film making club, soccer club (student run clubs-proposal put into office, staff advisor sought, discussion with Mr. Gold)

Athletics-cross country (kids did amazing at areas and regionals) volleyball (areas next week)-intermediates, juniors will follow in the new year

parent/guardian teacher interviews-Nov 16th evening, November 17th AM 15 minutes in length for homeroom, 10 minutes for prep coverage teachers. Sign up starts from EDSBY Tues at 12pm. If you are curious or need to speak before email or call the teacher before November

Progress reports-will be sent home electronically between the 9th and 14th

Hot lunches-pizza, (Fri) subs (thurs), bar burrito (tues)-going well so far

Spirit wear-will be opening to purchase for a few weeks on Friday November 10, grad hoodie later on in year

Grade 8 trip-Muskoka Woods-2 nights 3 days, outdoor field trip, team building, trip of a lifetime

School council forum-Chairs will be attending on November 15th-how to manage a budget, run an effective school council, create equity etc

Scholastic book fair-Nov 13-Nov 17 (looking for volunteers), click link to volunteer-cashier, helping students, help set up or take down, do not need VSS

Monthly health and safety visits-fire safety, door blockages, inspectors have been impressed, very minimal stuff

Paid programs beginning in Jan for JK/SK students-Karate (Northern Karate, Tue or Thurs \$money donated back to school) and Young Rembrandts art (Wed) -Happening at lunch recess -possible to have after school program-will send out survey to parents to gauge interest

Teachers Report

-colour houses-first assembly, black house is now pink, white is silver/grey
Nov 16th next assembly-House colour merchandise will be sold

Fall ball-very successful, group of intermediates DJ's and dancers, library open for a quiet place

PLT-different divisions or interests-primary teachers working on UFLI and integrating new phonics program

Junior- morphemes learning-meaning of words

Intermediate-critical thinkers through inquiry based learning

SERTs-executive functioning skills

Sock drive-for 360 kids, over 600 pairs of socks

Remembrance Day-assembly on Friday, one at 10am for primary-gr 5, 11:25-6 and up, parents invited to attend. 200 kids participating in assembly

Math contest-Beaver Computer Science contest-grades 5-8, Ms. Pivetta hosting practice sessions twice a week in lib at lunch, paid contest one or two open slots available-juniors writing on November 14, intermediates November 15

Cookie sales-tues and thurs-CASH only, \$2 a cookie, in kindergarten students will come to class. Blue doors downstairs and upstairs. Helps subsidize grade 8 graduation

Movie Night-successful, pizza, drinks and popcorn sold, movies Star Wars (gym) Sing (Library)

Progrant-can apply for funding, can host an event for parents, guest speaker, community event, certain criteria that we need to fill. Well being games night-gets families into the building, games require problem solving and reasoning, family bonding, meet other parents etc. will purchase games (Trouble, Checkers and Chess, Blokus) teach intermediates to play games. Will host games, and will have games available for indoor recess with universal learning on rules
November 30th 6:30-8

Bingo Night-December date TBD

Movie Night-January date TBD

Toy drive-community engagement meet to discuss toy drive

-toy mountain-come together as a school, bring new unwrapped toys, drive through?, bring toys to event, bring student representatives/families etc, Dec 6th or Dec 7th?DEC 6th at Vaughan Mills-bring a sign, flyers, drive through

Food bank-combined with toy drive

Fundscrip-gift cards will go home both paper and electronically, fill out form, fill out gift cards choices, pay on school cash online by Nov 20, distributed week of Dec 4th
-different percentages from every gift card donated back to school, does not cost families more (personal, holiday gifts) \$23000, \$890 back to school last year
-how to incorporate local business into schools? (question asked)
-local bakery-instead of krispy kreeme?
-Baked with Joy-Valentine's cookies? High mark up and expensive

Next Council Meeting-January 15th

Holocaust Education Week-lots of resources available to staff (question)

Bullying Awareness and Inclusion-Assembly next week, clubs, reach out to teacher, come to community events (question)

Thank you for coming, meeting adjourned