

<p>-if you are comfortable speaking to Craig about a situation with another parent/ guardian you are encouraged to do so and he will help as best as he can</p> <p>-if you are ever in a situation with another adult at BPS and you feel unsafe please call the police</p>		<p>-next newsletter to include a reminder about code of conduct for adults as well</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land acknowledgement read ● School and Board Status <p>-ETFO and board have ratified an agreement so a teacher strike is unlikely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demographics <p>-BPS families identified 12 different first languages spoken throughout their homes, 79% English, with Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian and Farsi the other languages spoken most</p> <p>-to continue connecting with and supporting these families the newsletter continues to be able to be translated into a variety of languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Back to School Update <p>-right now pavement only recess because of the ice on the field, but a snowstorm is coming and Craig is hopeful that with enough snow the kids can get back on the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can Jessica's work place digital road sign be used for promotion of school events? <p>-unfortunately we cannot use Jessica's digital sign for school promotion as it has Jessica's workplace information on it</p>	<p>Craig</p>	
<p>Fundraising Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forest of Reading has been previously approved and now purchased ● School Improvement Plan (SIP) Update <p>-school has 2 goals they are working on</p> <p>-first goal: "If we use school wide grade specific screeners then we will be able to program intentionally using current research based reading diagnostics to increase our students' ability to decode and understand words"</p> <p>-staff will continue to use screeners and diagnostics throughout the year to support student growth, not just at the beginning of the year</p> <p>-second goal: "If we deepen our understanding of ...result in an overall decrease in stress behaviours"</p> <p>-staff is hoping that by focussing more on why a child is behaving a certain way, rather than the behaviour itself, they will be able to help more</p>	<p>Craig</p>	

<p>children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -these goals are supported but PD from the interdisciplinary team who presented at the last staff meeting -next staff meeting will include a presentation from a board social worker -overall best practice is to have teachers get to know their students (i.e. what they do outside of school, interests, etc.) and having a caring adult check in on students -Craig met with his superintendent about SIP and she was impressed by the goals and the work being done at school to support them -parents wondering how the school can extend this support to families? May need a survey to follow up and figure out families' needs 		
<p>Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 12- Dec 28, 2023 -overall we spent \$3,182.40 -General Council Fund up \$504.17, \$408.95 of which came from Kernels -School Council Pizza Fund up \$3,686.57 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 28, 2023- Jan 2, 2024 -overall we received \$4,807.02 -no changes to School Council Fund -School Council Pizza Fund up \$1,120.45 for pizza sales for January onward -Year to Date (Sept 2023- June 2024) Opening Balance \$7,062.29 Balance as of January 2, 2024 \$15,770.90 Increase of \$8,708.61 -as council currently has 2 funds, it is more difficult for Robyn to reconcile accounts when money comes out of different places, can we move to 1 account? -still looking ahead to Spring to spend \$10,000 on technology but we are waiting for details about cost sharing before proceeding; likely Feb/March for that info 	<p>Robyn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Craig to speak with Diana about merging School Council accounts either this year or for Sept -will vote once we know if/when possible to do so
<p>Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • junior boys and girls volleyball happening now, tournament in a few weeks • Knights of Columbus free throw had 9 students participate and 1 student moving on to next level • intermediate boys basketball tryouts happening soon; junior basketball coming up too 	<p>Sue</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intermediate girls basketball not happening now but there may be a club offered later • robotics tournament on January 24; 1 junior and 1 intermediate team each to go to regional competition • Forest of Reading starting this month with Ms. Filtsos • Roots of Empathy with baby Weldon has started and there have already been a few visits • bracelet making club runs Tuesday and Wednesday for junior and intermediate students; run by Ms. Baker • Ms. McKnight working on the yearbook by herself right now and may be recruiting some students to help as well • Talking Point is a communication tool being used with Multiple Language Learner (MLL) families <p>-the tool allows families to sign up to receive messages in their preferred language -teachers can send the message in English, it gets translated, and the family responds in their preferred language, which the educator receives back in English -the tool is not created by YRDSB but is approved</p>		<p>-Craig to find out if primary students can join bracelet making club</p>
<p>Council Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Survey Update <p>-Indu collated the parent surveys into graphs for clarity -had 40 responses, but unsure what percentage of families that is -highlights include most responders said the biggest barrier to volunteering is being too busy, while another 20% said they didn't know how to contribute to council and 10% thought you had to be a member to participate -Facebook page continues to be very helpful, yet 26% don't use Facebook and 20% didn't know it existed -several parents interested in providing direct donations to the school instead of participating in specific initiatives</p> <p>-how do we engage the 10-20% of families who don't speak English in Council activities?</p>	<p>Indu</p>	<p>-Craig to share one finding or graph from the survey with the community in each upcoming newsletter</p> <p>-Indu and Maria to look at adding Instagram as a means of communication -also next paper correspondence (i.e. movie night flyer) will have QR code with FB link -Craig to look into how to set up a direct donation option on SCO and see how long it can be left open; have it available for Sept 2024</p>

<p>-minutes are not sent in a timely manner and/or people aren't getting them</p> <p>-community would like to know how Council money is being spent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food drive in February <p>-Food bank always has need in February</p> <p>-would like to offer ability to make monetary donations as well as bringing in items</p> <p>-vote approved by Marny, Nadia, Jessica, Amanda, Robyn, Elia, Maggie (quorum reached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Night Speaker <p>-interested in the dangers of social media, activity and movement presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Inquiry about free pizza slice <p>-parent asked Indu why there was no free pizza slice at the beginning of this term (January)</p> <p>-Kristy explained the free slice was done in September as a welcome back to school initiative but to continue it all year will impact funds available for other initiatives that enhance student education and experience (i.e. more Chromebooks, play equipment, etc.) so it will not be recurring this year</p>	<p>Kristy</p>	<p>-Craig going to see about running hybrid meetings through Google Meet to take advantage of translation feature</p> <p>-minutes to be directly emailed to families instead of just going on FB</p> <p>-Robyn to prepare quarterly report to share with community</p> <p>-Craig to look into having Paul Davis speak at school and what platforms he uses for sharing (i.e. live broadcast)</p>
<p>'FUN Raising'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gluten-free pizza <p>-available but need to order in groups of 8 slices otherwise not cost effective</p> <p>-if families are interested please reach out directly to Kristy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway Trial <p>-will run on January 29 as a trial to gauge interest</p> <p>-if enough interest it can become a regular happening</p> <p>-initial communication will ask families if they would be interested in weekly, biweekly or monthly sub days</p> <p>-gluten-free is available but includes an up-charge</p> <p>-nut-free, and can be dairy free without cheese</p> <p>-store will send subs labeled and grouped by teacher so no parent or teacher volunteers needed to run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Inquiry about other food options <p>-other schools have different options such as</p>	<p>Kristy</p> <p>Indu</p>	<p>-Robyn to gather information on Boston Pizza, Booster Juice</p>

<p>Boston Pizza and Firehouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kernels -agreed to do another round of 3-4 weeks, starting after the March Break -will also have popcorn available to sell at next movie night • Little Caesars -would like to open sales March 1 and leave SCO open for a month to give people time to order -hoping to do pick up on April 12 • Movie Night -will run on February 29 -families can bring food items for Food Drive -actual movie to be chosen about 2 weeks prior and then communicated -Kernels popcorn available for purchase on site • Dance-A-Thon -Professor Jamz confirmed for the event -Jessica will be at the event as point person -volunteer sign up to be created and shared, including reminder about Vulnerable Sector Screener required -ice cream party for class that raises the most money • Marketplace -is it possible to tie it in with end of year BBQ? • End of Year BBQ -interested in using Simply BBQ and having pre-sale options available on SCO -will discuss in more depth at next meeting 	<p>Jessica</p> <p>Jessica</p> <p>Indu/ Craig</p> <p>Jessica</p> <p>Kristy</p> <p>Indu</p>	<p>and Bar Burrito as other options -Craig also to look into possibility of using Healthy Hunger app</p> <p>-Jessica to confirm dates with Little Caesars</p> <p>-call for volunteers for Dance-A-Thon to be included in next newsletter</p> <p>-Kristy to follow up with chair from Oscar Peteron to find out how they ran their event</p> <p>-Indu to look into using Simply BBQ this year</p>
<p>Closing</p>	<p>Indu</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 9:21 p.m.</p>