

**Date: Monday, Oct 3rd, 2022**

*Leanne is putting together a plan - talking to teachers for input on funding and where it is to be directed...*

*Council funds are used directly by students, not for teacher workshops/pd, usually technology funds; support families to go on field trips with classes; can be divided among the students, bussing is very expensive; multilingual library*

**Funds last year** contributed to 50 new chromebooks, each classroom has 10, coding materials, steam materials for science curriculum; makerspaces; robotics; coding materials; partnered with science consultant to see what partnerships are available within board with products; grade 8 graduation ~\$3000, parent council contributed 750; play presentations, author visits, books to support classroom libraries,

**Are books open to donations?** Use critical lenses, affirm identities and students can relate to, book exchange with families, multilingual books, could ask teachers for input on what is appropriate

**Makerspace** - collaborate with libraries, invite librarian workshops and sessions

**Coding camp** - city of markham, new counselors learning to do camp for summer; came in to 'practice' doing activities with the kids

*All activities and trips are vetted, curriculum connections, affirming identities, who's presenting and the topics, what are the messages beyond entertainment*

### **Ideas for fundraising**

- **movie nights** sell pizza popcorn chips → possible on Friday? Start at 6?
- **fun fair!** Need to start looking at this to book for May; maybe a bouncing maze, slides etc.
- **nursery fundraiser:** sell plants for spring
- pizza lunches, sub lunches
- talent show night, 'ticket sales'; teachers select performers, event is managed by parents, whole school effort and funds raised for the school (as compared to music events that may fund the music program)
- **pizza kits for purchase, January?**
- scavenger hunt: go out and socialize, set up clues and stations and stamp cards, final destination has food that people can purchase (maybe in the spring); Mr. Corn (burgers, chips, drink, halal), M&M meat shop
- Kernels popcorn fundraiser, bake sales
- basket raffles, little prizes ( the more opportunities for kids, the more excitement)

- “taste of...” cultural food festival
- ice cream ‘fundraiser’, “One Shot” softserve
- ‘snack table’ in athletic events to fundraise for athletics, during the day
- an event during the holidays (ie. March Break) many families are looking for things to do during the holidays
  - rent a skating rink/community centre for a family skate night
  - planned activities (every 2 weeks), engaged in activity like skipathon, families sponsor child for length of time, monetary goals and incentives; mental health week, stay active
  - readathon, based on ages, read for length of time, supported by teachers in the classroom, tickets for raffles

### **Halloween Activity**

- give every class a pumpkin and do pumpkin carving (40 pumpkins) – E is on it!

Parent council table at curriculum night - maybe not!

Fundraising WhatsApp group!