

Castlemore School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 2 2023

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Review of School Council and Partnerships**

- Provided:
  - Overview of role of school council
  - Descriptions of school council executive positions

**School Council Officers-Nominations**

- Volunteers accepted for:
  - Co-Chairs: Supriyo Majumdar & Ainta Huang
  - Treasurer: Joanna Chan
  - Secretary: Natalie Zamanis

**Administrators Update**

- Details shared around September reorganization.
  - Increased from 29 to 32 homerooms
  - Re-organized with a 4/5 class, a grade 5/6 and dissolved a grade 7/8 and made a straight 7 and a straight 8
  - Created straight grade 1, 2, 7 and 8 classes.
- Discussed School Improvement Plan
  - 3 key areas of focus:
    - Dismantling Anti-Black Racism
    - Culturally Responsive Learning and Instruction
    - Student Well-Being and Mental Health with a focus on supporting our Multi Language Learners and positive thinking-growth mindsets
  - Lead team established to support staff and student learning: Lead Team of 4 teachers assigned to the following areas:
    - Curriculum/Program
    - Student Supports (ELL and Special Education)
    - Technology
    - Well-Being
- Safety week – Sept 25 – Oct 6
  - Complete Fire, Lock Down and Hold and Secure Drills as well as Bus Safety.
  - Completed our Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies with students.
- Upcoming events:
  - September 29 - Area Cross Country
  - September 29 - Orange Shirt Day
  - October 3 - Picture Day

- October 11 - Curriculum Night 6:30-7:45 pm (New Family Meet and Greet at 5:45pm in the Learning Commons). Translators will be available
- October 5-6 - Terry Fox Day  
October 19- Gr. 7-8 Immunization  
October 20 - PA Day

- School Council Initiatives

- Discussed adding additional lunch options for students – KOME Japanese vendor and pasta options from Boston Pizza
- Suggestion to hold an open gym night on Wednesdays for Castlemore families. Would need 1-2 parents to attend.

- Future Meeting Dates

- November 6
- December 4
- January 8
- February 5
- March 4
- April 8
- May 6
- June 3