

Minutes February 15, 2023

In attendance F2F: Pavithra Pandian, Dhanashree Ghodke

Staff: Ethan Andersen, Kevin Merkley, Donna Franklin

Virtually: Karina Shi,

Land Acknowledgement

Agenda

Welcome

Welcome and updates from School Council Co-Chairs

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 30th meeting

School Updates

School Improvement Planning

Community Town Hall "Gathering" - March 1st and May 3rd

Pro-Grant

Fundraising

Upcoming meeting dates

Welcome from School Administrators and School Council Co-chairs

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 30th meeting

Pavithra made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19th meeting circulated in advance of the meeting to the executive. Seconded by Dhanashree. Motion carried.

School Updates

1. Discussed cultural celebrations- The Pongal making event. Our students were excited about the event and having Logan Kanapathi visiting. The Lion Dance was a fun experience with candy and fortune cookies after.
2. School clubs have been busy- Holiday concert, chess club, volleyball just finished, calm and cozy club, basketball has started, student council, indigenous leadership teams.
3. School Improvement Plan- Took a tour of the SIP board outside of the gym. What is our work over the next 5 years? What are the students' strengths? What do we need to work on? It is a work in progress and being updated. Goals will be in equity and inclusivity, mental health and wellbeing, and instruction and assessment.
 - a. Asking parents to spread awareness of the SIP board with other parents as we would like their feedback on the planning.
4. Gathering/Town hall - We are planning on hosting a town hall to explore how parent, family and community voice could support school improvement in community relations.
 - a. March 1st is our information session to explain the process and what is being asked of everyone.
 - b. May 3rd is the tentative date for the town hall meeting.
 - c. How can we best ensure that parents are able to attend and be informed of the town hall? Morning and evening sessions would be best.

5. Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO)- No deadline. \$800 to spend on the program. Goal is community engagement.
 - a. Last year we had 3 wellbeing sessions, the new math curriculum session and financial literacy session.

Fundraising

1. Parent council fundraising option - Popcorn fundraiser, pre-bagged with a longer shelf life. School cash online helps to eliminate cash at school and parent prepay for the popcorn and then it can be delivered to classes. Cash could be an alternative option as well. School will help to arrange this with the parent council.
2. School is continuing with the pizza lunch fundraiser. Funds can help to pay for student trips like the grade 8 grad trip.

Other

Upcoming meeting dates

February 15th 6:30 to 7:30pm

April 26th 6:30 to 7:30pm