

**IN ATTENDANCE: (Legend - I/P → in person, V/phone → virtual or phone, A → absent)**

Joanne Frank (I/P, Principal), Brett Mclean(A, Vice Principal), Tammy Darakshanian (I/P, Teacher)

**Council Members IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sefi Chassid (I/P), Brenda Budd (I/P), Amanda Morra (A), Phalguni Adalja (V/phone), Leila Hossini (I/P), Etti Abramov (I/P), Rebekah Yasskin (I/P), Faranak Khani (I/P), Jessica Fantauzzi (I/P), Shira Zyskrot (I/P), Nitzan Edelman (I/P), Robyn Shapiro (V/phone),

**Others IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jennifer (I/P) - Kids Come First, Farinoush (v/phone), Ling Lim (I/P), Innaya Sharma (V/phone), Elena - Kids Come First/School Assistant/Parent (I/P)

Meeting begins at: 7:00 PM

**Welcome, Norms and Passing of Minutes from last Meeting**

- ***Meeting Norms:***

Stay Engaged, Experience Discomfort, Speak Your Truth, Expect/Accept  
Non-closure

- Land Acknowledgement
- Jessica motioned to approve the minutes and Sefi seconded the motion

**School Council Report 7:13**

- Coffee and Chat
  - 4 families showed up
  - most questions about communication and how to contact council
    - school council mailbox
    - newsletter/bulletin monthly from council going out
    - Mandy will have draft for planning date
  - possible second event in new year
  - Kids Come First said the time was too late to be involved

- School Council Forum at Tommy Douglas
  - met with councils from west side of the board
  - how to engage parents in schools
    - how to promote engagement
    - how to reach out to the diverse community
  - coffee time chat---> adjust time to later from 9AM

#### -Mapping of Events

- Movie Night (December 14)
  - Grinch in gym, Elemental in Library, Crafts in room 103
  - Food in wide hallway with two tables
- January 2024----> card fundraiser (students creating personal greeting cards)
  - Family Skate and Sport--->Maple Community Centre (January 20, 4-6 on a Saturday) **on pause and survey**
    - also includes gym time so can skate or play sports
    - if community involved then need permit; don't need permit for school event
    - \$1000---ice is \$600, \$115 gym, plus food and snacks
- possible cultural heritage night reflecting the diversity of the school in May
  - could have own committee with teachers and Kids Come First
- Talent Show (May 2nd)
  - Mandy and Robyn co-running committee
  - 2 days of auditions, 2 rehearsals
- Bingo Night - date TBD

#### **Treasurer's Report 8:09**

- Approval to commit \$800
- \$1000 for picture books but hasn't been transferred
- Current balance: \$3217 but really \$2217

#### **Administrator's Report 8:11**

- Parents Reaching Out Grant
  - improve family engagement in child learning and well being
  - can have one project proposal
  - gave max of \$800 needs to align with YRDSB priorities and partner with board approve vendor
- X-movement (\$3000)
  - Conor (speaker)
    - mental health and Australian sports; whole child health

- interactive workshops connected to ontario curriculum
  - 3 workshops for 40 minutes each session
  - a fourth workshop for families where kids should be able to teach others about each skill/issue
  - explore different ways of moving through body (physical sport) and mental health (mindfulness and meditation)
  - highlighting empathy and compassion within school Community
  - schools typically provide food at the family event
  - can use PRO Grant
- \*explicit learning for mental health and well being
  - Possibly in February

#### **Other Business 8:33**

- many clubs happening (Black Student Alliance [BSA]; ping pong, etc)
- Dental screening coming up
- Spirit weeks before winter break

**Next School Council Meeting: January 11, 2024**

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:45**