



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

Meeting begins at:

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sefi Chassid (I/P, V, A)	Amanda Morra (I/P, V, A)	Phalguni Adalja (I/P, V, A)
Brenda Budd (I/P, V, A)	Tantiana Tintar (I/P, V, A)	Jessica Fantauzzi (I/P, V, A)
Sara Margi (I/P, V, A)	Vahid Asili (I/P, V, A)	Jacob Eany (I/P, V, A)
Jacqui Getfield (I/P, V, A)	Leila Hosseini (I/P, V, A)	Faranak Khani (I/P, V, A)
Alina Mednikov (I/P, V, A)	Robyn Shapiro (I/P, V, A)	Rebekah Yasskin (I/P, V, A)
Jennifer (I/P, Kids Come First)		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Adrianna Fera (I/P-Teacher), Tammy Darakhshanian (I/P-Teacher), Brett McLean (I/P - Vice Principal), Joanne Frank (I/P, Principal) Shira Herzot (I/P), Etti Abramov (I/P)

(Please highlight one of the three codes after each person's name - I/P in person, V virtual, A absent)

**Welcome, Norms and Passing of Minutes from last Meeting 7:02**

Motion to accept previous minutes: Phalguni (1st), Rebekah (2nd)

**School Council Report 7:08**

- voting for updated norms
  - suggestion to "stay engaged", "experience discomfort", "speak your truth", "except/accept non-closure"
  - motion to accept Sara, Jessica, Farah, Robyn
- cookie dough fundraiser
  - great timing and great turn out
  - made \$1254
- Game Night
  - flyers given to youngest sibling in family
  - run March 30 from 6-8
    - 16 different games throughout the classrooms plus quiet room in library with board games
      - large games (6-7) in gym from Kids Come First (most likely free)
    - gets tickets to participate (\$5 per kid) and maps will be provided
    - 5 tickets per prize

- pizza, chips, water, cookies
- cash only event
- hoping to use grade 8 or high school volunteers plus adult supervision in hallways and rooms
- voting on budget for event: about \$600
  - motion to accept Vahid, Rebekah, Robyn, Jessica
- Talent Show (Mandy, Rebekah, Robyn, Jessica)
  - April 27
  - Auditions will take place after March Break with Mandy and Rebekah
    - first week in April (3, 4, 5)
    - two lunches and one after school
      - break it up according to grades
    - prepare a minute and a half max
  - Robyn will do sound and tracks
  - schedule to organize rehearsal times and audition times
- Spring Flowers (Mandy)
  - will begin before next council meeting so need to confirm date
  - checking with Hillcrest Florist
  - some less expensive flowers at FreshCo
  - hope to sell for less than last year but no higher than \$25
  - sale is from April 6-28 and next meeting
- school council distribution list -shared with co-chairs
- school council forum
  - attentive to kids
  - safe environment for children to explore identity
  - authentic family engagement
    - ways to collaborate with community and school

<b>Treasurer's Report 7:52</b>
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Balance originally \$4710  
 -\$1440 raised from cookie dough drive  
 Current balance \$5500

<b>Administrator's Report 7:57</b>
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- all school improvement plans must be connected to the five pillars
- student family surveys

- very high response rate from grades 4-8
- questions accessible by all students
- kids are explaining what is happening in the school and what needs to be done to improve school; how to support belonging and mental health
- next steps: school teams analyze data, school council reviews data
  
- Black History Month
  - (January) Matthew Jones partnering, working on "The Power of Belief"
  - April 18th: "Celebrating Black Excellence and Identity"
    - Nadine Williams "Fabric of Our Being" will be revealed
- addressing Equity
  - dismantling anti black racism
  - de-normalizing discriminatory language
  - the power of words
- school 2023-2024
  - remain with relatively similar numbers
  - different process for class placements
    - email to be sent out in may for families to report what's important to know in relation about the placement of their children
- indoor recess
  - rain, storming -->indoor recess
  - temperature falls to -18 with windchill
  - if too icy, too slippery....even if sunny then recess is shortened or indoor
  - related to safety
- paid lunch/after school
  - Ten ten sports
  - mad science space
- Fun Fair
  - no blow up bouncy castles (safety)
- Acts of Kindness
  - grade 4 student initiative
- Book Fair
  - last week of March

<b>Other Business</b>
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<b>Next School Council Meeting - April 18th</b>
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**Meeting adjourned at: 8:38**