

MINUTES FOR THE MICHAEL CRANNY ES SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date: October 13, 2019

Location: Virtual

Participants (names as signed in): Ali Behestioan, Andre, Betty, Celine Stavrou, Charles Menezes, Despina, Dina, Fanta, Francisco Liu, Haijun Cao, Hamed N, Love Gautman, Marina Saidova, Mary Tsaksiris, Maryam, Maya Baum, Nabamita Chatterjee, Oxana Coroliuc, Sandra Laham Wilner, Shachar, Vitaly, Alana, Ecaterina Agheeva, Brianna Quast, Mr. McNaughton, Mrs. Janis Castle Jones

24 Parent members, 4 needed for a Quorum

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Required	Person Responsible
Welcome	7:05 pm Mr. McNaughton		
School Admin Report	Mr. McNaughton answered questions raised by the parents related to the school situation this year in reference to Covid-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students divided in cohorts - Recess time and DPA time -30 min each - Isolation room prepared for the students with virus symptoms 		
Treasurer's report	Account Balance \$702.18		
School Council Elections	11 candidates total. Elected- Ecaterina Agheeva, Maya Baum, Andre Lewis, Melissa Mouldey, Maryam Kiaei, Betty Lofsky, Marina Saidova, Shachar Simkivits, Celine Stavrou, Sandra Laham Wilner, Francisco Liu Co-Chairs: Marina Saidova, Ecaterina Agheeva Treasurer: Celine Stavrou Secretary: rotate between all members at large Council Meeting Dates (every second Wednesday, except November): Nov 10, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, June 9 Council Meeting Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm		
Fundraising Priorities	The below priorities were determined for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor Classroom: long term project (earlier finalised next spring) , permanent structure with 4 season usage. Cost to be estimated later. - Technologies: cost to be estimated later, due to virtual learning the needs requirement still not available. - Teacher's wish list: an ongoing process to start - Musical Instruments: due to current restrictions of not using wind generating musical instruments, there is need of a variety of different type of instruments 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten Equipment: in plans to develop and purchase more, school has funds for this. <p>Fundraising methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct Donation Link Pros: easy to access, no paperwork involved Cons: no report available on funds raised, as the funds are directly deposited to the board account. However , due to board restrictions they can not use cheques or cash for donations. Conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The item of donation with an open amount to be added to school cash on-line , that will allow a better monitoring of the raised funds and will send reminders to the parents. - Flippgive platform Pros: funds raised from regular purchases, no donations, % is offered by flippgive from the routine online purchases. Last year raised \$1,300.00 with a low participation from parents. Cons: it is required to open the link 1st before accessing vendors websites. A better engagement is required. Conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proceeds this year, suggest in informational letter to add an extension to the browser that will remind to shop through flippgive when accessing participating websites - Spelling Bee online competition - Grants and Reaching out to local companies - Read-a-Thon - Bingo- virtual 		
Subcommittees	<p>Outdoor Classroom: Nabamita, Marina, Ecaterina Spelling Bee/ Read-a Thoonline competition: Celine, Maya, Marina Grants: Ecaterina, Francisco Virtual Bingo: Sandra, Ecaterina, Maryam, Maya</p>		
Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black parents community initiative : there is a roup of school staff and families working on this project - Virtual Clubs: no in person clubs for now, virtual clubs options to be explored shortly - Communication translation : the school will provide the top 3 languages at school , get in touch with ESL teachers for families biggest needs - Welcome Ambassador: help for new students 		
Meeting Adjourned	8:30 pm		