

**MINUTES FOR THE MICHAEL CRANNY ES SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Date:** December 6, 2022

**Time:** 7 pm-8:30 pm

**Location:** School Library

Participants (M- members): Despina Elahi (M), Joe Cargnello (M), Celine Stavrou, Francisco Liu (M), Fanta Lewis (M), Babak Bahrami (M), Paramjit Kaur (M), Maya Baum (M), Yana Zinovieva, Ecaterina Agheeva (M), Anna Bruno

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Required	Person Responsible
<b>7:00</b>	Welcome and previous minutes approval (Babak, all)		
<b>School Admin Report</b>	<p>Mrs. Anna Bruno presented school updates and admin.report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eco-Club students had their presentation, and the school council voted for \$195.00 to be transferred from the school council bank account to students of Eco-Club for their initiatives (15-20 students, plus 2-3 school staff). Eco-Club beng part of Healthy Schools program</li> <li>- Black Excellence Program: switched from virtual to person, the board is covering travel, snack expenses</li> <li>- MCES joining Ascending Sisters (Black female students) program that is building an environment for students to be heard and able to express</li> <li>- Gifted Testing happened last week for Grade 3 students</li> <li>- EQAO results shared with staff &amp; parents, the school administration will share with the school council the EQAO results in the next meeting (Feb 2023).</li> <li>- During School Assembly had a presented that talked to gr.6-8 students about race &amp; culture &amp; self appreciation, influencers</li> <li>- Multiple sport &amp; other clubs running at school</li> <li>- New Lunch program will start RomaAts &amp; crafts (registration pacers were distributed to students)</li> <li>- TVO m-power - will have a virtual presentation in 2023 for parents with free resources for tutoring, reading, etc.</li> <li>- French Immersion program registration opened</li> <li>- Teachers wish list with first 2 priorities:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recess bins - labeled by class with items aged appropriate for indoor /outdoor activities. Teachers will get the list and the School Council will run a donation drive.</li> <li>2. Mats for classes (instead of carpets): water proof, mold resistant, hypoallergenic, easy to clean. Teachers will get the mats from approved vendor and will propose to School Council for vore (5-6 classes require mats, kindergarten &amp; Gr.1-2)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
<b>Treasurer's report</b>	Account Balance \$26,888 (food vendors payments to be done)		

<p><b>Cookie Dough</b></p>	<p>Maya presented Cookie Dough fundraiser update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approx. 74 families +3 staff members participated, for the amount of \$3,275.00 (free delivery) with Profit = \$1,195.00</li> </ul> <p>Delivery date to be confirmed (preliminary Dec 20th, Tuesday); pick up by parents after school option most probable due to delivery time &amp; storing conditions required for frozen dough. Will need volunteers to help with the distribution and orders pick up organization.</p>		
<p><b>Lunches (Food options)</b></p>	<p>Parents survey had a very low participation rate, from the results obtained overall families were willing to have 3 days per week food options, the focus was more on food quality rather than on the cost. Affordability is still important, we need to think about how to accommodate families in need.</p> <p>The School Council voted for 3 days of lunch options: Pizza + 2 other vendors.</p> <p>Pizza is arriving cold for the 2nd round of lunch. Kathy will reach out to the current Pizza provider to confirm we can leave half of warm bags for the week ( to keep pizza warm for all students) and exchange bags next week.</p> <p>Will consider other pizza vendors and will decide through emails communication on which vendor to choose for the next food block (2 months, Feb-March) from Hero Burger, Burrito Bar, Astoria. The main criterias are prepacked orders by each student &amp; by class, healthy food options and dietary accommodations (gluten free, kosher/halal, vegetarian).</p> <p>2nd reminder was not emailed from school cash online for Dec-Jan food order (due to school closure on strike), many families missed to place order on time, will have another order collection in next few weeks for January 2023 orders. Kathy confirmed that we can run the Jan 2023 order, we will send to the school new cash online script for the Jan 2023 order soon.</p> <p>-</p>		
<p><b>Bingo Night</b></p>	<p>Maya presented Bingo Night Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date January 19th, 2023 Thursday</li> <li>- Family event with free entrance, cards to be purchased via school cash online in advance , additional bingo cards can be purchased at the event</li> <li>- Start time to be confirmed</li> <li>- 5 rounds planned with games/ activities between them. Mr. Millte will help with communication with high school alumni students of MCES to organize games &amp; activities (volunteer community hours)</li> <li>- Prizes will be purchased from school council bank account funds and from local business donations</li> <li>- Classes will prepare baskets on different themes (at their discretion) for silent auction</li> <li>- Food options (snacks, juice, pizza) will be available for advance purchase via school cash online</li> <li>- Volunteers sign up , flyer, script for cash online will be provided o school shortly (603 students in school now)</li> <li>- Alternative date for Bingo night to be planned in case of severe bad weather conditions</li> </ul>		

<b>Movie Night</b>	<p>Yana presented Movie Night updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date: February 16th (Thursday) - Valentine's Day Theme</li> <li>- Movies for elementary grades proposed: Turning red (1 h 40 min) , Puss in Boots (1 h 30 min). Turning red was considered as a preferable option as it also addresses mental health</li> <li>- Valentine cards box with Valentine cards crafts: to set up a Valentines box &amp; cards station on February 16th (movie night) during the event , students will have a chance to bring their own cards or make a card during the event with the details for card recipient first name + first letter of the last name + grade &amp; class room # . The cards will be distributed by school on the next day (Feb 17th. Friday) . School can help us by printing the card templates on a nice card paper.</li> <li>- Older students showing lower attendance partially due to their personal (sport, curriculum) interests &amp; activities outside of the school during weekdays.</li> </ul>		
<b>Principal Profile</b>	<p>Paramjit presented final Principal Profile (as elaborated and prepared by School Council committee) and submitted to the school.</p>		
<b>Parents Reading Buddies</b>	<p>Babak presented a flier for Parents reading buddies volunteer, will add the note that a police check is not required for this. The program will help students enhance their confidence in reading skills.</p>		
<b>Pro-Grant</b>	<p>Paul Davis presentation on social media &amp; online safety is scheduled for Sep 2023 (due to busy schedule). Current Pro-Grant does not have an application deadline, the school has to make sure the event is happening and the expenses on final report are submitted to the board by June 23, 2023. A committee to be formed to explore the Pro-Grant options (community event, presenter, etc).</p>		
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<p>8:30 pm</p>		