

## **Milliken Mills HS School Council Meeting #4**

### **Monday, January 22, 2024 Virtual Meeting, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Parents: Seema Shahjahan, Arsalan Ghani, Catherine Chen, Hirosh Abeywardane, Nada Kesavan, Peter Wang, Ruth Wang, Richard Kuo, Saeed Atcha, Sunita Bhagwat,  
Administration: Christopher Hilmer, Vanessa Wonnacott  
Student Representatives: Emily Han, Anita Tran, Eleanor Liu  
Approval of minutes for last meeting and current agenda:

#### **AGENDA**

Call to order 7:05

Land acknowledgment – Sunita

#### **Student Report**

- Student report given by: Emily Han, Anita Tran, Eleanor Liu
- Talent show in December was very successful, many students attended
- Winter Marketplace– mini marketplace in atrium and clubs raised money and promote the clubs
- Valentines Day event coming up on February 14<sup>th</sup> period 3 & 4. Offering cotton candy and thrift store partnership to do some fundraising for SAC, also other fun activities like photobooth, flower origami station, temporary tattoo station
- Mr. Hilmer commented on how fantastic the Talent Show was and how talented the students are at Milliken Mills, also commented on how Winter Marketplace was well received and the first time it was offered

#### **PRO Grant**

- Last year had Strong Minds Strong Kids presented on Mental Health
- Criteria:
  - o Addressing social inclusion, racism, hate and discrimination toward racialized and marginalized groups
  - o Support identity affirming, culturally responsive and healing centered mental health strategies
  - o Engage parent and community voice, in particular those voices of historically marginalized groups
  - o Build knowledge for parents on the opportunities for students in a de-streamed classroom and/or a comprehensive literacy program
- Seema suggested two topics navigating racial slurs, or social networking and safety
- Holding event in March/April if possible
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> cut-off for input from parent community and make decision to go forward with the topic
- Mr. Hilmer will send out a call out on the bulletin about topics of interest

### **Parent Input through PEAC**

- Presented by Hirosh Abeywardane
- Taking input for developing Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan
- Presented questions for feedback from parents:
  - o 1. What is the most important to you about your child(ren)'s school experience?
  - o 2. What challenges do you anticipate for students in the next few years?
  - o 3. How can the YRDSB support students to meet those challenges?
  - o 4. What challenges do you anticipate for parents, guardians, caregivers, and families in the next few years?
- How do we share this information with parents to get their feedback – it is shared in whatsapp group or it could be shared in a google form

### **Administration Report**

- Presenter: Vanessa Wonnacott
- Grade 9 just finished math assessment for EQAO
- Exams beginning Jan 25 until Jan 31, Feb 1 is day for feedback from teachers, Feb 2 is PA Day
- Feb 15 vaccination clinics at the High School
- Presenter: Christopher Hilmer
- Students will have exams in the morning and students do not need to spend the day at school. There are no regular classes during exam week.
- If there is a severe weather day and exam cancelled during exam week, then the exam is moved to February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Semester 2 timetables will be available January 29.
- Semester 2 begins February 5.
- Next meeting: moved to April 15<sup>th</sup> because of Ramadan and held in-person

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Student cards pending for some students. Parents can reach Vanessa Wonnacott if their child is missing their student card.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:25pm

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2024 (In-person)