

School Council Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2023, 6:30-7:30pm

In person: Nokiidaa Public School



A.	Call to Order	Time: 6:35pm
B.	Roll Call and Regrets	<p>Attendees: Carolyn Brndiar, Jadas Lau</p> <p>Claire Bilotta, Winnie Ng, Sandy Lin, Marilyn Chan, Lisa Zografos, Jen Chan, Mina Wong, Regina Chan, Prabhukar Chandarasekaran, Sandeep Dhillion</p> <p>Regrets: Shelley LeBlanc</p>
C.	Approval of minutes from last meeting	<p>Motion to approve by: Winnie Ng</p> <p>Seconded: Claire Bilotta</p>
D.	Principal's Report	<p>Boys and Girls Basketball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediaries Boys and Girls Basketball started • Junior Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts begin <p>Grade 8 – Gaga Ball Pit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch-time program with Ms. O'Neil <p>Skating Program for Grades 1, 2, 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skating program has started <p>Dance-a-thon Fundraiser (March 9th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by Mr. Ho and Ms. Lewis • Early bird draw on March 3rd • Proceeds go to field trips and buses <p>Friendship Grams (February 14th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised over \$700 (excludes expenses) • Funds go to SickKids Foundation <p>Asian Heritage Month Presentation (May 2023) – Jadas Lau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community</i> opens virtual and traveling exhibition that explores history of Chinese immigration to York Region • Exhibition is a collaboration between community partners, YRDSB Museum & Archives, students from University of Toronto's Museum Studies program and Markham Museum

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 class presentation explores Anti-Asian racism occurring within York region, interviews of Asian community members, borrow artifacts from exhibits, etc. <p>Grade 7 Robot Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program a robot and send for competition • First meeting on February 23rd • So far 21 students interested • Four students can participate due to limited number of robots <p>February is Black Excellence Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be celebrating and supporting Black Excellence <p>Pink Shirt Day (February 22nd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation will be prepared for students <p>School Council Forum update (February 16th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended by Carolyn Brndiar, Winnie Ng, Claire Bilotta and Jen Chan • Four workshops – highlights and feedback: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. De-streaming for Grades 9 & 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streaming – students must choose to pursue either an “academic” or “applied” track when they begin high school - Studies have shown streaming disproportionately affect low-income students when it comes to graduation rates and entering post-secondary school 2. ABC Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ABC = Acknowledge, Bridge and Connect - Feedback: Can leverage off of this workshop but uncertain where to obtain resources 3. Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff appreciation lunch - Family activity night - Community Town hall - Community Report Card (community comes in and grades the school on certain areas/pillars and then in turn school uses information to make improvements) - Coffee/Chai and Chat session with Principal 4. Community Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health programs offered in various Asian languages (service is available at The Welcome Centre for newcomers to Canada)
E.	PRO Grant	<p>Presentation Topics – \$800 grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Stress through Mindfulness (Dr. Mabel Hsin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost \$500, plus refreshments (\$50) ▪ Book April 25th for 1hr in-person session – Jen Chan ▪ Parents arrive 6:30PM for refreshments ▪ Presentation start time 7PM

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Safety (Paul Davis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Winnie Ng to contact Paul Davis [Feb 23rd update: Booked until Dec 2023 – find a date for next school year] ▪ Virtual session ▪ Presentation for parents and students, separately (latter will be funded separate from PRO Grant) <p>PRO Grant Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnie Ng, Jen Chan and Sandeep Dhillon to fill out form
F.	Upcoming Events	<p>Speaker for Sex Trafficking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation for Parents and Students (Intermediates), separately • Speaker willing to do for free • Jen Chan to connect with contact • Target after March Break <p>Teacher/Staff Appreciation – May 11, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 teachers and staff • Budget: \$450-\$500 • Same arrangement as last year – split staff into two groups • School Council to help inquire for donations • Dietary restrictions need to be considered <p>Donation/Support from School Council for Outdoor Play Structure for JK/SK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to parents for donation of a pre-owned outdoor play structure • Carolyn Brndiar to send email to parents <p>Brief Discussion on End of Year BBQ – June 1, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Zografos: Neil at M&M Food Market [Feb 22th update – Confirmed] • Subcommittee: Winnie Ng, Lisa Zografos and Clair Bilotta
G.	Adjournment	<p>Motion to Adjourn by: Winnie Ng Seconded: Claire Bilotta Time: 8:01pm</p>