

October 28, 2021

Student Council meeting; 6 pm

## **Land**

**Election process review** and discuss roles of each position; Chair/Co Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Non Voting Members

**Elections;** Catherine Burke to remain Chair. Christine Leger to remain Secretary, Catherine Burke to remain Treasurer.

Introduce Executive Members

## **Principal's Report**

- Start-up has gone smoothly. Continue to use desk shields for Grades 1-3, and pods with shields for Kinders.
- Playground cohort zones.
- 2nd year with a primary special needs classroom.
- Meet the Teacher even went well but did have few parents turn out. This continues to be an area of growth in this community.
- A large portion of families are ESL families and the most dominant language is Arabic; student council is unfortunately lacking this representation.
- New Superintendent - Reg Levern. Been to the school 3 times so far. Experience is mostly with secondary and intermediate and very interested in learning about primary only schools.
- Progress reports are completed and awaiting review. Accessing Guest Principal for support to ensure student success.
- Seeing impacts of social-emotional learning gaps due to Covid lockdowns.
- Getting ready for Remembrance day ceremony - virtual only.
- LEarning activities Nov 8 for Indigenous Veterans day
- Nov 12 PA day for Parent Teacher interviews. Nov 4 parents will receive Progress reviews

## **Action items and discussion points**

- Snow removal for the walkers/drivers; responsibility of the city. School only does the pavement area and parking lot, at Board level. Mr Nick does path up to the school and up to the bus stop. Where there is no Sidewalk, this area in the busing zone is city property and needs to be maintained. Need to approach City Councillor, Riley Brockington. Parent and council voices speak much louder than school voices. Asking to not build the mounds of snow on the side; hazard for walkers and those getting off the bus. When busses stop, need to unload one at a time because it isn't safe to unload all at once. Also a hazard for parents in their cars trying to pick up their kids. Catherine to draft a letter to council.

- Look into adding a “no parking sign” by the Bus path for parents picking-up/dropping off.
- Gardens - last year we discussed building some gardens. Pollinator gardens vs Vegetable patch. On the perimeter of the Kinder yard, near the big tree and school sign. Still safe for class learning time. Looking up gardening options; garden box vs in the ground.
- Forming a committee to clean up current gardens, before creating new gardens. All needs to be cleaned up before the snow.
- No need for more headphones for chromebooks. But school does need noise canceling headphones for sensory processing. Let us know the cost and how many you need. Catherine Motion to support this purchase, price TBD. Christine seconds.
- Recess activities bin. Have been destroyed and in need of replacing. Can not be balls or frisbees, hoola hoops are no longer round. Catherine Motion to purchase from wish list. Christine seconds.
- What else does the staff/students need to support going back to school?

### **Eastwood events**

- Kids are relearning the routines and haven't been in school for a very long time. Relearning how to play with each other. Gentle reminders and focus on being kind and how to behave in school. They are trying their hardest to but we can notice the gaps; their regulation skills have really been affected.
- Reconciliation day. Made Orange shirts and displayed as Hearts in the library.

### **Catherine**

- Vaccines for 5-11, there is no plan or mention of clinics at the school or 3rd party location.

### **Fundraising**

- Options - card creating, inclusive and cost effective.

### **Next meeting Nov 25, 6pm**

Catherine motions to adjourn the meeting. Christine seconds.