

Attendees: Marcus, Reza, Dianne, Laura, Adrienne, Erika, Kara, Magdi, Francine, Janice, Sarah, Pooja, Sameera

Welcome

- Minutes from the last meeting were accepted. Magdi raised the motion and Reza seconded it.

Marcus

- Territorial acknowledgement
- Intent vs Impact
 - What can we do to skip over the intent and have a positive impact
- School Council
 - Framework for our awareness
 - Partnership and contributions toward student learning
 - School Learning Improvement Plan (SLIP)
 - Takes into consideration contributions from students, staff, and school council
 - Reviewed *Standards of Engagement and How*

Pooja

- This is still an avenue for us to come together and ask questions, whether a popular or unpopular opinion, but do it in a respectful and professional way

Marcus

- Screen Time Presentation - Jan 23 '24
 - Three board psychologists came to do a presentation in the gym
 - Marcus has obtained the slide deck and that will be shared through SchoolDay
 - We don't have directive changes based on that presentation but middle schools are putting time limits on tech use
 - Working on details such as ensuring teachers can see screens
 - The presentation itself was focused on caregivers but has been shared with staff
- Question was raised around a game that someone's kid played which was supposed to be related to math, but was not at all math-related
 - Everything that kids use need to be on approved lists
 - But kids are savvy and they find things that are not on the approved list
 - Marcus's suggestion is to ask the classroom teacher to help understand how it adheres to the curriculum

Nutrition for Learning

- Purpose is to provide nutrition for all students
- When is the first block before lunch, plus acts as a supplement throughout the day
- Cheerios in the little bags are not as helpful as the kind that peels open
 - Can send cups to the classrooms to help

Updates in Classroom Spaces

- Mrs. Janet Martin is using a free trial called Mathology
 - Janet will encourage everyone else to sign up for a one-month free trial and will decide in June if that's something we want to purchase for next year
- UW coming shortly, arranged by Mrs. Kaur, for grades 4-6
- We also have math league (math contest / club) coming up
- Early years literacy training today
- Mrs. Martin and Ms. TK are going to a literacy conference tomorrow and Friday
- Mrs. Bradley was hoping for snow on Feb 29th for a school-wide play day

Purchase updates

- Purchased
 - GagaBallPut
 - Math League
 - Whiteboards / markers / erasers
 - Letter tiles
 - Calculators / protractors / playing cards
- In cart
 - Music items (in cart) - waiting for Mr. Hall and Mrs. Clifton
 - DPA (in cart)

New requests

- Author visit for grades 3-6 (\$300) - they will only come if they have two schools booked in the same day and they will be at KeatsWay
 - Who is the author? Kevin Sylvester.
 - Vote was raised by Kara for \$300 for author visit, seconded by Magdi. Vote passed.
- Kodaly choir (buses and opportunity for other schools) - we're back to centre in the square but it does not fulfill the equity component, where the parents cannot always afford to see their child sing
 - Can we sponsor parents to come and see their kids?
 - Tickets are \$16 each
 - 500 kids will be performing
 - MJ is sharing a bus with Vista for the practices
 - Discussion around whether we can / want to spend council money on charitable opportunities
 - We discussed in the past that we want the children to be involved and take some learning from the giving
 - Is there a chance to have two choirs for the next year? Some kids may not be great at singing but may really want the experience to join a choir.
 - Another option to help through WEFI
 - Magdi motioned to give \$1000, Sarah seconded. Vote passed.

Financial Review (Sarah)

- We had approved an extra \$100 per class for this year

- From an accounting perspective, we will need to spend that ~\$1800 next year instead
- Total including the WEFI is a balance of \$58,419
 - Current expenses will come to under \$10K
- \$17,000 came in and \$5,000 has gone out for Gino's pizza so far
- We should end the year with ~\$47,000; we opened the year with ~\$48,000
- Pizza is the only fundraiser that we really have
- There is a new facility supervisor/manager who has been here twice this year and they are coming back and want to discuss the outdoor learning space; we need to determine what we want first and then determine how much funding we need
- We had voted on two trees in the past but we need to go through a grounds crew; maybe we can ask the city to do it for free

We'll skip pizza this meeting.

Pooja

- Asked for \$600 grant for a math night which we'll use to purchase activities / book / etc.

Marcus

- Grade 6 teachers have a two-night overnight camp and a one day excursion camp; 2/3 of the grade 6 caregivers submitted a response and it was almost 50/50 on which option they prefer; next step is to gauge some next moves
- Grade 6 celebration: last day of school they will clap out, balloon canopies, cake, fruit, photo opp; Monday June 24th or Tuesday June 25th would invite caregivers in, titled "bring an adult" with a food choice, games like capture the flag
- Can arrange something at UB1 or UB2 for the grade 6s – in the past, grade 6 parents have done it, but this is not organized by Council

New Initiatives

- **Moveathon - Thursday April 4th**
 - Let's not make it a fundraiser due to the healthy bank account
 - Can the kids raise money for something or 3 opportunities and they get to vote
 - Get each class involved with music selection
 - Kara to connect with Mme Stampatori and the teachers will vet the songs
 - Marcus's ideas on what we can spend on: schools that need whiteboards, musical instruments, art initiatives, DPA kits
 - We talked to Mme Daly to have buddies from that less fortunate school and do visits back and forth to experience community, playground, campus, etc.
- **Math and Literacy Night - Wednesday May 22nd**
- End of Year party - no committee yet - **Thursday June 20th?** Marcus to confirm date.
- Francine can volunteer for candy bags

- Need to book food trucks sooner than later
- May 15th is Kindie information night

Council Chair Role

- Pooja asking the group if there's any interest in being Council Chair next year