

Community Schools Association (CSA)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Attendees: Ashley Fletcher, Amanda Cowan, Jonathan Mushey, Marjorie Millman, Rachel Reyes, Sheri Stoesz

1. Welcome and call to order - Ashley Fletcher

Call to order 6:30 pm

2. Approval of previous minutes from November 17, 2021

Motion to approve: Ashley Fletcher

Seconded: Rachel Reyes

3. Old Business

None

4. Fundraiser - Marjorie Millman and Amanda Cowen

MM: Shelmerdine fundraiser in conjunction w/ SMP Band raised \$78.68 for each the band program and CSA

5 Families chose to donate for the fundraiser Opt-out for a total of \$235.00

AC: Looking at doing another joint fundraiser with the Band Program for Easter, possible options of Booster Juice or perogies & kielbasa

Would still like to look at doing the Peak of the Market veggies, lack of daytime volunteers is a hindrance

5. Treasurer Report - Marjorie Millman for Oluwatosin Bankole

Opening Balance for 2021-2022 \$1218.95

Funds held for Makers Space **\$599.43**

Funds out **\$575.09** (Halloween treat, Winter Break treat, Hampers)

Funds in **\$323.68** (Shelmerdines, Opt-outs)

Balance on Jan 18, 2022 \$368.11

6. Principal's Report/Welcome to new vice principals - Marjorie Millman

There are no financial requests at this time

Current enrollment – approximately 653 students – we have registered more ~10 new students this month, many of them are newcomers to Canada.

As you are aware, Mr. Zimarino is on leave and Mrs. Evans was appointed as acting principal at Maple Leaf School. I would like to welcome Mrs. Rachel Reyes and Mrs. Sheri Stoesz to the ESMP administrative team.

Thank you to the CSA for your generous monetary donation for the holiday hampers. We were able to support 5 families by providing them with food and gifts for the holidays. You approved up to \$250.00 dollars, but due to the generosity of our staff, local businesses, and community members, we did not need all of the money that was donated.

Thank you to the CSA for providing a holiday treat to all of our students. Students received a mandarin orange and a nut-free Chapman's Holiday ice cream bar. They loved them!

Grade 7 & 8 volleyball has ended and now basketball has started. At this time, no divisional league games are being scheduled. There are new public health orders in place for students 12 – 17 who wish to participate

Mme. Gagnon also sent out the intramural schedule for all early years students so that we can offer them lunch time opportunities in the gym during this cold weather. Each cohort will have the chance to participate in lunch time activities once per cycle.

Thank you to all of our families who participated in our remote learning conferences. We had a very nice turnout on TEAMS.

ESMP held a Covid vaccine clinic on December 17 th for our younger students that went very well. As I mentioned in our last meeting, Public Health is also trying to catch up on the many immunizations that have been missed over the last two years.

Traffic continues to be a concern in the front and the back of the school despite my many please for cooperation by our school community. I would appreciate the CSA's help in spreading the word that we need people choose alternate areas for pick up and drop off rather than the front and back of the school.

The first week of school was not what we expected in our return after the break. We are very happy to have students back with us in person. Please rest assured that we continue we do all we can to keep your children safe. This includes following all public health orders and giving our students many reminders. Public Health orders are changing rapidly these days. Schools usually find out the changes at the same time as the public does. In the coming days, we are anticipating staffing shortages and many student absences. Your children may not have their regular teacher if they become sick with Covid. I want to assure all of you that we have strong contingency plans in place and are going to do everything we can to continue your child's learning. Grade level teams have been planning together so that they can support each other and their subject areas if a team member is away. We are trying to post more on TEAMS so that if your child becomes sick with Covid or is named as a close household contact, they can still access some work online. As you can all imagine, this is a challenging task and things will vary depending on the age of your child. Teachers will not be remote teaching or sending home learning packages. I ask for your patience and support as we move through this stage of the pandemic. As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel, Sheri, or myself.

COMMITTEES

Literacy continues to work on literacy and assessment

Numeracy will be facilitating professional development session in February in Math

Culturally Inclusive Schools continue to work on belonging and identifying cultural celebrations that represent our school community. Next steps include an upcoming community survey to identify all the different countries that are represented in our school.

Safe and Inclusive Schools are continuing to work on themes from the Circle of Courage (independence, generosity, mastery, belonging)

7. New Business/Roundtable

None

Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm