

Cleardale School Council Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2024

Attendance:

Candace, Jordanna, Dee, Matt, Steph, Houda, Charlotte, Jennifer, Susan, Chara, Jennifer, Jim, Phil, Daryl

Regrets:

Kata, Amanda, Anmari

Review Mission and Goals

- To enhance the accountability of the education system by prioritizing student achievement, equity and well-being.
- To promote and develop strategies for parental involvement in the education of their children.
- To share information by communicating with parents and the community and to seek their ideas and views about matters under consideration by the council.

Action Items

- Once voting is done, we will send email showing where everything is being housed
- Mary will put everything on the school's website
- Ms. Wood's request for \$5 per student was passed via email

Principal's Report

- Ambassadors went out with some teachers and went around the whole neighbourhood and into businesses to hand out flyers about the City vote
- School Improvement and Equity Planning
 - Created a school goal for math and literacy by division
 - Focusing on 2+ level students to get them to level 3 which is the provincial standard
 - See where things need to be retaught
- Safe and Inclusive School Plan
 - Posted on the school's website
 - This year, focusing on building healthy relationships
 - Launching Peer Pals on the yard to mediate conflicts among primary students
 - Second Steps - schoolwide social skills program for K-5
 - The Fourth R - used for 6-8
 - Student-led public service announcements to reinforce
- Family Literacy and Math Event through Investing in Children
 - 10-12 activity stations and snacks
 - They do the promotion, set up the tables, etc
 - It costs about \$1000
 - Perfect fit for PRO grants or PIF funds
- Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
 - November 17-23

- Various suggestions of topics for community engagement

Teacher's Report

- Ms. Awde and Ms. Wren
- Motion to approve the request of Ms. Awde and Ms. Wren \$210.38 (confirming tax)
 - M: Jordanna S: Dee
 - Motion passed

Financial Report

- Daryl working on a spreadsheet
- Going to be more of a quick and easy view
- \$500 approved for buses has come out but other outstanding money has not come out
- Qdoba and Western Fair proceeds have been deposited
- **ACTION: Send new financial report out once finalized**

Brainstorming Ideas for Wellness, Education, Communication

1. Opportunities to share info with parents to meet the sharing info and communicating goal about the Safe and Inclusive Schools Program and School Improvement Plan?

ACTION: Candace/Ryan - is this something School Council should communicate?

- a. We could give some guided questions for parents to ask their kids after school that can possibly help facilitate good conversation with the kids
 - b. We can translate our communication more using Canva
2. Family Literacy and Math Events – Investing in Children (they bring in all the people so it's easier for us) – JK-3
 - a. Cost is \$1000
 - b. We can use PIF – Parent Involvement Funds \$500
 - c. We can look into Pro-Grant – Parents reaching out grant \$500+. Application possibly available after Christmas, with a short turnaround.
 - d. Can also have pizza available to order and have families have dinner before the event
 - e. Can have Translators available
 - f. Investing in Children has different themes, ie Feb-Mar = a bunch of munch

<https://investinginchildren.on.ca/family-literacy-events>

ACTION: Decide if this is something we want to do and look into application

3. Grades 4-8 - what options do we have for this age group??

ACTION: Decide what we can do for these divisions

4. Family Well-Being Community Workshop Series – some ideas on previous workshops at this link - possible topics below:

<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/familiescaregiversworkshops/past-events?authuser=0>

- a. How to handle technology and alternatives
- b. Cyber Safety - kids online usage

- c. Parents monitoring Screen Time and dealing with how to get kids off screens
- d. Self-Regulation and Mental Health
- e. Fostering Student Teacher relationships (perception / communication)
 - i. Parents disrespecting teachers can very much effect the students relationship with their teachers - can we use our communication to educate parents on what's going on in the school?
- f. Positive Communication Strategies - It's usually a communication issue – hand in hand with self-regulation. Can we work on self-confidence where kids are caring more about how they speak to themselves, vs what other kids say to them / about them
 - i. For Kids
 - ii. For Staff
- g. Understanding the brain and central nervous system reactions – flight/flight/freeze

ACTION: Decide if any of these ideas are something we want to do and look into putting together into an event.

Volunteering at the school Communication ie reading groups, classroom helpers, book fair, library? Options for parents to talk to kids about their jobs and skills etc...

ACTION: Candace & Ryan to discuss this and communication out to parents

Next Steps - ACTION:

- Timing for some of these events
- Look at funding
- Plan with Ryan & Candace
- Communicate about this to families

Chess Club Tournament – poss fundraising Jan 23rd

ACTION: Jordanna to add this to our Fundraising Calendar

Book Fair: Dec 2-10 in the school Library

ACTION: Ask families if they have extra (old but good condition) books to bring in so there can be a cart of free books to give to students that come in without money. Ryan/Canadace - should this be communicated through you or us?

NOTE: Dec 2nd Meeting: **School Council 6-6:30**, 6:30-7:30 Presentation from Principal from Westminster.

Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm by Jordanna.