

## Hilltop School Council Meeting - October 17, 2016

Steve moves to approve minutes from prior meeting - second by Tania

### Principal's Report

#### 1. Ministry Focus for the Year:

- a. Math: Release time being provided to schools to allow teachers to get together to discuss best practices in mathematics

- i. Hilltop's Math Lead teachers:

- ii. Mr. Monahan (Gr. 6)

- iii. Mr. Sucur (Gr. 7)

- iv. Mr. Diamoutene (Gr. 8 and FI)

- b. Preparing Student for 21 st Century Competencies

- i. Six areas of Foci to help students develop skills for the 21 st century

1. Critical Thinking: connections to Science and Math, using their inquiry skills

2. Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship: looking at key points in History and understanding how it contributed to societal progress. Help make connections to new ideas to meet a need of a community.

3. Self-Awareness and Self-Directed Learning: Building resiliency through well-being

4. Collaboration: networking with various team members to meet a common goal and to develop respect for a diversity of perspectives

5. Communication: Developing student voice to advocate for self but at the same time, understanding whose voice is missing.

6. Global Citizenship: to learn and interact with diverse people

#### 2. TDSB Focus:

- a. 3 Goals being requested from each school: Video from Director

- i. Achievement (with support of Digital Fluency)

- ii. Equity

iii. Well-Being

3. School Update:

a. Staffing: Thank you for support from the school council.

- i. Received an additional teacher to open up a third grade eight class. Class average is now at 24.
- ii. Received an additional .3 teacher, supporting Gr. 6 English track classes during rotary.

b. EQAO Results:

i. Overall School Results:

- 1. Reading: 77% (+11)
- 2. Writing: 70% (-)
- 3. Math: 39% (+4)

ii. English Track Results:

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| (With Spec Ed) Reading: 56% | (Without) Reading: 65% |
| Writing: 62%                | Writing: 71%           |
| Math: 26%                   | Math: 30%              |

iii. French Track Results:

Reading: 93%

Writing: 79%

Math: 49%

As a school, we will be reflecting on our students' strengths and areas of need: What type of questions pose problems for our students?

Other:

- School Council Insurance: Does the Executive wish to purchase it for \$151.20?
- \$395 still left from last year's Fundraising initiative – how will it be spent?

### **Chair Report**

- Information from Chris Glover
- School Council Insurance Program - total cost \$151.20 out of Council's fund. Liability policy may not cover School Council members if holding events. Steve moves to approve purchase of insurance. Seconded by Chris Gifford. Motion carries.
- School statement of needs. Submissions/comments to be sent to school council email address. Will discuss feedback at next meeting in November.

### **Ms. Cheung**

- October 5<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 transition evening + presentations by companies running Gr. 8 excursions to Montreal/Ottawa and French Exchange. Lots of interest in excursions.
- Excursion for Grade 6's - permission forms provided for Raptor Game November 23<sup>rd</sup>. 75 students will have opportunity to attend. \$20 at Hershey Centre.
- Video by Dr. John Malloy - Director of Education - on TDSB website.
  - [www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/directorofeducation/visionforlearning.aspx](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus/directorofeducation/visionforlearning.aspx)
  - Pillars of learning - achievement, well-being and equity.
- Question as to how to help parents become more involved in School Council.
- Motion by Ms. Farina - Chair and Secretary to work together for survey to parent body for resources to be used to allow parents to access school council meetings. Second by Chris Gifford.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> (PA Day) - Goals defined for particular learning grade.
- Annual parent conference - November 19<sup>th</sup>. Full day event with childcare available. Will be posted on Hilltop School Council website.

### **Community Rep Comments**

- Recommend running a fun event at school to raise awareness about what the community representatives can help with/do for them. Perhaps meet with Tania about how to help.

### **Fundraising Report**

- Need to decide on whether we want to do a fundraising event:
  - Cookie Dough Fundraiser?
  - Lamontagne Chocolates - catalogue of chocolates for order?

- Kernels popcorn?
- Motion by David Marchione to move forward with poinsettia sales as part of fundraising. Seconded by Glenna Alikakos.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> parent teacher night - school council table to sell poinsettias.
- Fundraising for what? \$394 left from last year.
  - Graduation award - \$100
  - EQAO Booklets - all agree
- Tania to report back on how well Kernels sales are going at other school.

### **Teacher Report**

Please see school calendar on Hilltop website for school events.

#### Clubs/Teams/Activities

- Student Leaders - (every group is responsible for school jobs once every 4 weeks - helping w/Nutrition Program, Remembrance Day poppies distribution; soon Hallway Monitors, etc); grade 7+8; 50+ students
- Hilltop Indoor Soccer League - (Fridays 12.00-12.30 Oct-Mar); all grades; 90+ participants
- Hilltop Robotics Team - (Mon, Tue at lunch); all grades; 20+ participants

#### Press Club

- Learning photography skills, attending school events to document them for Yearbook, slideshows, etc.
- Meet weekly to plan/assign photographers for school events, edit and select best photos

#### Advanced photographers

#### Photography Club

- Learning photography skills, participating in monthly contests for prizes, glory and fame!

- Meet once or twice a month to learn specific skills and then to share photos on the theme and submit best selections for prizes.
- Each monthly contest open to anyone.

#### Library Monitors

- Helping maintain the Library, assisting students with Library functions during Lunch hours.
- Tues and Thurs at Lunch.
- Currently last years 8-10 monitors with openings for for a few new students

#### Grade 6 Art Club

- 20 student members
- Weekly meetings - Tuesdays @ lunch (Term 1)
- Creating art (and crafts) projects and school displays
- Art gallery field trip, spring Art show

#### Grade 7 Art Club

- 12 student members
- Weekly meetings - Tuesdays @ lunch
- Creating art (and crafts) projects and school displays
- Art gallery field trip, spring Art show

#### Grade 8 Art Club

- 20 student members
- Weekly meetings - Tuesdays @ lunch (Term 2)
- Creating art (and crafts) projects and school displays
- Art gallery field trip, spring Art show

#### Grade 8 Painting/Poster Club

- 15 student members
- Weekly meetings - Mondays, Wednesdays @ lunch

- Continue painting mural in basement hallway, developing gallery wall (from last year's funded Student Voice project)
- Creating banners/posters to support school event and activities (i.e. Black History month, Hilltop Olympics etc.)

Glee Club - We meet at lunch on Thursdays and there are about 12 students in the club so far. We sing :)

African Drumming and Dance - Thursday and Friday all lunch time.

Girls softball and Girls basketball (Gr. 6 & 8)

Boys Gr. 7 Volleyball

Cross Country Team

- Gr 6 - run 2km, gr 7,8 run 3km
- 54 participants
- Have been practising 3 x/wk since second week of school. Ends Oct 27

Athletic council

- 20 students (gr 7 and 8)
- To organize and assist with running of intramural program
- Will meet at lunch during a 1 week pd....then run intramural a for 3 weeks
- Activity will change every 4 weeks
- Other duties include: promoting current athletic events, spirit days, announcements, displays, possible fundraising

### **Other**

Look at School Council FB page and see what gatekeeper functions are available. Come back in November to discuss further.

**Next Meeting November 21, 2016**