**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

Board Attendance: Etienne Mercieca, Sana Khan, Nancy Mann

6 parents, 2 teachers

**Meeting commencement:** 3:10pm

**X-Movement Presentation:**

*Connor*

-X-Movement is offering to do more this year, for a fee; this may be something to consider for fundraising proceeds and PRO grant might be able to supplement; Parent Outreach Grants (PRO Grant) Ministry provides $500 for Council to be used in parent outreach

* X-Movement creates workshops with kids with underlying social/emotional learning content
* Have been working for TDSB for 20 years
* Curriculum is relevant and fun

-Proposed Option: Experiential Workshops: 3 learning workshops in a week, then community engagement event where students can participate with their parents/caregivers and show them what they’ve learned (community night); includes on-demand portal to continue with learning once workshops are completed (school and parents at home)- teachers and parents can implement these activities for movement and social/emotional learning

* School chooses the programs that would work best for their school/community (5 different choices including empathy & compassion \*most popular in the TDSB\*)
* Cost options (base, starter, standard, etc.)
* Community night is hosted at school; choose a time window after school or evening within 90 minutes 30-45 minutes, break, 30-45 minutes; this night could be combined with a fundraising activity (for example, charge a loonie/toonie, pizza night, selling something to raise funds)

**Q & Comments**

* What are the 3 E’s? Engagement; Equity; Edutainment- making something fun and educational
* Cost? $2300; year we had more funds b/c we didn’t have field trips, professional development, etc.

**Principal Updates**

**Staffing:**

* A couple of weeks back there was a reorganization of staff and new staff were accepted; Mr. Tavaras agreed to start up the Gr. 4 class; interviews for the Gr. 4 position are this week and job will be offered next week; report card written by previous 2 teachers in conjunction with the new teacher
* We lost staffing in the spring but with the increase in enrolment the board increased staff
* All classes in English stream were impacted, most classes became smaller, fewer split grades
* Brimwood was allocated another 1/2 time staff, occasional, to cover teacher prep
* Educational assistant supporting French Immersion (FI)- since last January there is no one available from the board for FI Educational Assistant (EA); an English EA will support where needed

**Field Trips:**

* Hillside outdoor education trip: several classes have taken a trip to Hillside
* Island School trip last week: Grade 6
* Clubs: Art, Gardening, Kilometre Club, ASL

**Other Items:**

* How can we get more parent engagement in school as presenters? How can we uncover the expertise in our community and bring those people into the classroom to present? Could we put out a google form to parents to see what kind of response we get?
* Report cards: Tuesday, November 14th
* Book Fair: in-person Thursday evening, November 16th, Friday morning, November 17th; students go to the library from Mon-Wed and take note of books they would like, then parents can visit during the in-person fair and pay by cash/credit; perhaps there will be a 3rd opportunity for parents to buy books on Wednesday, November 15th
* IEPs went home last week for those who have them
* Nov 11th there will be a Remembrance Day ceremony
* With the younger kids, we’re dealing with a lot of silly behaviour, conflicts, etc., may be that there has been a lot of online learning and now the students are adjusting to the social piece that they had not had as much of during online learning; progressive discipline- teacher, principal, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension

-When something happens at school (good: ie. sunshine call or bad: in-school suspension) extending the rewards or consequences at home is helpful; connection between home and school can really positively impactful student behaviour

* Pizza lunch ($5 per box of 2 slices, $2 profit); aim to start pizza lunch on November 17th

**Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 22nd, 3pm**

* send a survey to see what time is best, to set future meetings times