

Cameron School Council

211 Cameron Avenue, North York, Ontario

Working to enhance our children's educational experience

Date: March 2, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Virtual

ATTENDANCE: (indicated with an X, in no particular order)

2021/2022 PARENT MEMBERS		CAMERON SCHOOL		PARENTS/GUARDIANS/GUESTS	
Х	N. Haghnejat (Co-Chair)	х	P. Bonavota (Principal)	х	T Lokhoandwala
х	M. Ben-Aron (Co-Chair)	Х		х	B Balina
х	R. Matthews (Treasurer)	х		х	A Levine
х	D. Ghiassi (Secretary)	Х		х	P. Mehrani
х	J. Pereira	х		х	J Johnson
		х		х	Jlee

All are welcome! Cameron parents/guardians are encouraged to read each month's School Council meeting minutes, and attend meetings to participate in discussions, and assist with decision making.

Past meeting minutes can be viewed here: https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cameron/School-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes

- Mark your calendars! Meeting Dates for 2021/2022 the 4th Wednesday of each month 7-8 pm (unless a conflict arises):
 - Sep 29, 2021
 - Oct 20, 2021
 - Nov 24, 2021
 - Jan 19, 2022

- Mar 2, 2022
- Mar 16, 2022
- Apr 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022

Agenda/Minutes:

• Message from the Principal

COVID-19 update:

- We have not received any directions either from the TDSB or Toronto Public Health in regards to changing or moving away from any of the protocols in our schools at this time.
- A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with the public health, I hope to have more details at that time. But usually the information is shared publicly.
- Our staff of time or cameras have done a great job trying to limit the absences as much as possible, As you know, we still cannot let people parents into the office.
- To help with the amount of work done, the ask from Monica is when it comes to placing orders for items requested limit the communication to one/two emails a week. Also suggestion to work with school to assess what we still need to order or what's not require any more. This will help eliminate the work required to return items that is no longer needed.

Graduation

• graduation photos of grade 5 is going ahead. Right now we're still following the covid protocols. Hopeful that it will change.

Dance-a-Thon

- Cameron is working on Dance-a-Thon, which is currently scheduled for March 30th and the 31st. We will still need to follow COVID protocols. Details of the event was briefly discussed.
- Question about allowing parents volunteers. Ms Bonavota explained, volunteers are not allowed due to COIDV protocols. However there is recent direction that if any parents would want to support us in any capacity, they would have to show that their triple vaccinated. Having said that, there is a lot of work to validate this and get approvals

Technology update

- We have spent a good chunk of our budget as we have allocated purchasing more Chromebooks and carts for the school and currently each section of the school will have one or two cards available for their use.
- With these purchases, we are in good position, and we are still going to continue to look at purchasing more Chromebooks and other equipment

Update on donation

• We had close to \$4,600, from that about \$1600 has been used for purchases transferred to your previous purchases e.g. Whiteboards,etc as result we

have approximately \$3,000 left. In addition, we are working on \$300/\$400 more purchases, therefore that brings the balance to \$2,700.

Staffing update

- After March Break, we head into staffing and preparation for the next school year. Right now, our projected enrollment is 278 students for September. That means the staffing will be allocated to Cameron based on these numbers.
- We were also informed that some of the COVID-19 funds that have been supplied by the Ontario government will be clawed back which also means that it would all have an impact on the staffing allocation.

• Parent council update:

- Monica started with providing an update; we talked about teachers wishlist which is now delivered to each teacher. Received a ton of positive messaged from teachers.
- Whiteboards is received and installed
- Update on Fundraising Committee-we had our first meeting a couple of weeks ago. There's movement to approach our old vendor list and update it with new ones. The hope is to reconnect with vendors by spring; and whatever the COVID guidelines permit, we can do something fun for the community. Hoping to share more details by the next meeting.
- Pizza night Is a new fundraising event that is planned for March 9, done via Domino's and the parent council is going to provide a printed flyer in the cubby of every student's classroom before the weekend for them to take home
- Cameron website- Rob has done great work to put up the website. If you have time please look at it and provide feedback.
- Dance-a-Thon- Organized by MS Chung. We talked about details, Ms Chung shared the idea and asked for funds for treats for kids. The parent council approved \$300 to help support purchases, including stickers, glow sticks, etc
- Treasurer update:
 - Rob gave an update that we are sill at about \$2700 in donation buckets+\$6800 in bank account. The hope is that we can raise money with all fundraising events coming up.

Meeting ended at 7:45