



Castlebar Junior School

Parent Council Meeting

December 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: December 1, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Castlebar Junior School — via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96612954315>

Next meeting: February 2, 2022

Attendees	Name	Role
School reps	Colleen Bellehumeur Maria Siddiqui-Malik	Principal Teacher
SAC executive	Micah M. Rodrigues Stacey Bowman Nicole Helsberg	Chair Treasurer Secretary
Parent reps	In attendance: Calum Christina Crystal Dorothy Gordon Kern Lindsay Lisa Nadia Sarah Simone	Regrets: Alexis Claudio Gunjan Hinal Jamie Khrista Kimberley Neeti Zainab

Topic/Discussion	Presenter	Notes
Welcome Approval of November minutes	Micah Rodrigues	Approved by council
Chairs' Report	Micah Rodrigues	No update at this time.
Principal's Report	Colleen Bellehumeur, Principal	Thank you for your generous support & support of teachers Parent teacher interviews: Parent teacher interviews & online booking system went well; good feedback from teachers



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		<p>Next term report Feb. 15 Parent teacher interviews Feb. 17 PM, Feb. 18 AM</p> <p>Scholastic: Thanks for support of Scholastic—351 books purchased—some went to teachers All money goes to supporting library for books, book tape, etc.</p> <p>Outdoor education: Students enjoying outdoor education field trips facilitated by Etobicoke Outdoor Study Centre; they come to our building & charge \$5/child We secured spots for all 10 classes; might come back in Spring</p> <p>Spirit wear: Spirit wear handed out; we don't make much money on it; enough to buy one computer; inclusive for everyone \$3/over costs to cover taxes</p> <p>Holidays: Starting a hearts & stars Christmas tree; donating socks, gloves, hats, etc. & teaming with Street Health—help homeless and under housed people; had a Christmas tree & lights donated Collecting donated items until Dec. 17 Last week of school is a spirit week; is inclusive e.g., mismatched sock day, crazy hair day, purple/red/green, ugly sweater day, pyjama day Holiday celebration—socially distanced gathering; songs outside at drop off 8:45am; songs will represent a wide variety of celebrations at this time of year. 20m on Dec. 15</p> <p>Vaccines/public health update: We will not be having a vaccination clinic. TPH site for clinics. Holiday test kids going home & labelled for each child. If you travel follow guidelines set by public health Staff won't getting antigen tests as are vaccinated</p> <p>Back on Jan. 3 Jan. 14 is a PA day</p>
<p>Teacher's Report</p>	<p>Maria Siddiqui-Malik</p>	<p>Thanks for the classroom budget on behalf of the staff; we've submitted receipts & appreciate extra help to support supplies & thanks for scholastic donations Would like a graduation ceremony; requesting \$ for decorations, food (if allowed)</p> <p>Minecraft education—support science program on iPad (Ms. Kim) Follow up—recommended apps by teachers: Prodigy (free) ABCYa (free & paid content) wishlist items: Ms. Kim—robotics & STEAM; had purchased materials to enhance learning, build with own hands</p>



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		Kindergarten team—outdoor play materials Chromebook replacement – grade 3/4/5 have them now
Treasurer's Report - Budget - Bank Statements	Stacey Bowman	We decided to put money into stipend: \$4215 Teacher 'wish list'—teachers purchase from stipend money \$970.05 spent so far \$1503 cost for Chromebooks Suggest we set money aside every year for replacement technology, e.g., \$1500 Suggest we put money aside each year for graduating class e.g. \$300 Things that are not happening this year that we'd typically have to pay for: lice check, scientists in school; we are not raising additional funds through pizza lunches Discussion: Colleen: likely no field trips; we'd ask families to help at that time; e.g., buses cost \$260 /day + additional buses required for social distancing Micah: we still plan to fundraise during year Motion to set money aside (\$1500 for technology and \$300 graduating class celebration): Motion passed
Ad hoc discussion items Cookie Fundraiser Other fundraising Progrant	All members	<u>Cookie Fundraiser</u> Nadia: Raised \$1305 Pick up Dec. 6 ; thank you to volunteers who have offered to help distribute Lisa: Will there be a giant cookie prize? Nadia: Likely a draw <u>Indigo flip give fundraiser</u> Micah: \$83 raised so far Easy to do, not particularly lucrative Can share anywhere; school will get benefit <u>Panago Pizza</u> Micah: Will report in budget when we have numbers Happens last Thursday of every month; Dec 16. <u>Progrant</u> Lisa: TDSB offers grant for parent councils; each council can submit one application and get \$1500 for parent engagement initiatives Focused on human rights, anti-racism



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		<p>We applied last year, were declined based on first come, first served model</p> <p>We modified our application from last year, refined it with Colleen and Castlebar equity team teachers</p> <p>Want to host a virtual parent workshop focused on how to talk to your kids about racism</p> <p>A lending library—students borrowing books at their reading level about diversity, cultural awareness, etc.</p> <p>Give parents tools to talk to kids at home</p> <p>Lots of work to be done if we receive; will know by January</p> <p>Email castlebarrocks@gmail.com if interested in helping</p>
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Action Items	Lead Member	Deadline
volunteers needed for Progrant	Lisa	email castlebarrocks@gmail.com
guidelines for fundraising (sales) *carryover from November meeting	Lisa	Lisa to draft and council will vote February