



Castlebar Junior School

Parent Council Meeting

February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: February 2, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Castlebar Junior School — via Zoom

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

Next meeting: March 2, 2022

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

Topic/Discussion	Presenter	Notes
Welcome Approval of December minutes	Micah Rodrigues	Approved by council
Chairs' Report	Micah Rodrigues	No update at this time.
Principal's Report	Colleen Bellehumeur, Principal	Joy to see students back <u>Outdoor activities</u> Building on and creating snow structures; focus on breaking down big hills; playing soccer games Kids in zones & cohorted



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		<p>Spray paint in zones – foursquare games</p> <p><u>COVID safety</u> Implemented a timed entry Clearing hallway; east side vs west side Students do good job with covid protocols; change masks 4 times per day Parents should wear masks on sidewalk at pick up HEPA filters; desks cleaned twice a day by caretakers We've had 4 cases Thanks to parents for filling out sheets</p> <p><u>Black history month</u> Strong social justice lens highlighting activities around Black history, Black leaders, sharing histories – intentional in books, poetry we choose incorporating into lessons Second steps program – strong focus on empathy Looking for feedback; work in progress Mr. McGinn book reviews on books with strong Black characters</p> <p><u>Valentine's day</u> We are allowing paper cards in, no food</p> <p><u>Report cards/ interviews</u> Reports on Feb. 15 – first term report card Feb. 17 & 18 are interview days Teacher not required to meet, will reach out to families they need to have a chat with; more than welcome to have an interview if want via phone or zoom Feb. 11 – online booking system opens for interviews</p> <p><u>Family day</u> Monday 21 is Family Day – no school</p> <p><u>Equity</u> Working with parent council equity team Sandra Best will be lead working with team to choose books</p> <p><u>Graduation</u> This year Grade 5 grad – last week of school; inclusive celebration – planning both virtually or in person if permitted</p> <p><u>March Break</u> March Break has not changed – March 12-20</p> <p><u>Questions:</u> Dorothy/Nicole: if there is a case in class – who is told? Ms. Bellehumeur: Just to class; as soon as she gets info, sends it out; posts to Ministry of Education website Dorothy: Do you have enough shovels on site? Ms. Bellehumeur: four in every site; if you want to donate a shovel – more than welcome!</p>
Teacher's Report	Sandra Best	<p>Teachers feeling great about return to school Students have been great & cooperative following protocols Do not hesitate putting on masks</p>



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		<p>Adapting to no gym – occupied by grade 5 class for spacing safety</p> <p>Black history month</p> <p>African heritage month</p> <p>Highlighting things we've done all year around</p> <p>Concentrating on equity – it's a 10month thing, not just a February thing</p> <p>We want socially responsible and kind and caring students</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>- Budget</p> <p>- Bank Statements</p>	Stacey Bowman	<p>Teacher stipend checks listed in budget outflows</p> <p>Cookie dough deposits (donation & revenue)</p> <p>Panago pizza cheque & Chapters to come</p> <p>Grad class to get \$300</p> <p>\$1503 replacement computers</p> <p>fundraising team doing baskets</p> <p>last Thursday every month – pizza can help us</p> <p>Teachers stipend spending still to come; about half spent</p> <p>Ms. Best: Teachers bought things we couldn't live without – let's see what we really want / what is useful; January funds used maximally for students</p>
<p>Ad hoc discussion items</p> <p>Pro Grant</p> <p>Other fundraising</p>	<p>Alexis</p> <p>Micah</p>	<p>A few parents put together a proposal for parent reaching out grant (PRO Grant)</p> <p>Building a more inclusive school</p> <p>Book, speaking, outreach component</p> <p>Trying to engage parents – how they interact with students & community</p> <p>Survey that will go out to Castlebar families – anonymous, short</p> <p>Virtual speaker in April: Alexis Dawson; expert in field; delivers 20 lectures/year</p> <p>Thank you to Alexis & Lisa & Sarah who provided the groundwork for this proposal from last year</p> <p>Send idea for baskets that we can auction – email castlebarrocks@gmail.com</p>

Action Items	Lead Member	Deadline
ideas for baskets	Micah	email castlebarrocks@gmail.com



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complete survey for PRO GRant	Alexis	
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