

# Minutes from School Advisory Council Chartland Jr Public School

Dec.3, 2024

Attendance: Kevin Chen, Courtney, Winnie, France, Ambi, Felicia, Carmen, Principal Sherron Grant, Teachers: Ms. Elbertsen Mrs. So, Ms. Damian

## SAC Current Budget Plan:

- Balance is \$6861.73
- \$2000 for Scientist in the Classroom for each homeroom
- \$1600 FOR BUSES for each class toward field trip
- \$200/CLASS FOR DK AND DD (instead of getting money for a bus)
- \$1000 for DK & DD for sensory items, etc.
  - o to get some sort of play structure for their wall
- \$200 each for Mr. Kwan, Mr. Montuno, Mr. Yeh, Mrs. Robertson, Ms. Bemat (TBD)
- \$200 Mr. Montuno for sports
  - o TRACK AND FIELD – Fun day and competitive day
  - o Division 1-2 = higher competition – held at Birchmount - \$100 budget
  - o Division 3 – Fun competition (Mrs. Grant to cover one bus)

## Events/Fundraising:

- Fundraising continuing every other week (pizza lunch, hot lunches, snack days etc)
- Complimentary hot chocolate day and caroling (Dec. 18 morning)
- Krispy Crème sale
- **White boards** – white boards sheets over the blackboards
  - o Ms. Damian = White board – in the past discussed the idea of doing whiteboard adhesive – semi permanent and in a roll form and get installed – stick it directly on top of the chalk board
  - o Useful because can use as a dry erase board, and serves as a projector screen
  - o Mrs. Grant to confirm and discuss with Ms. Nivins
- Courtney: idea to sell bubble tea during concert?
  - o Will be doing a bake sale during winter concert
  - o Will be providing ingredient list for each item
- DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and pancake day in Feb, 2025
- We received the podium
- Question asked about way to reach out to community centres, companies or charities to fund for DK or DD class
  - o Mrs. Grant – we can ask and they can donate to the school and they get a tax receipt
  - o Board frowns upon in kind donations
  - o TDSB is nonprofit and can give tax receipts
- Earth Rangers – potentially Jan 23 or 24 – 60 minute assembly
- Lunar new year is Wed Jan 29 – enquire for lion dance assembly
- African drumming assembly on Jan 10

## Principal's report

- **School improvement plan (SIP) = 5 pillars**
  - Equity
  - Truth and Reconciliation
  - Belong
  - Achieve
  - Thrive
  - Staff collaborating to close gaps, e.g., SLP, SPED and ESL (Mr. Kwan and Mr. Montuno supporting)
  - Staff sent on PD to support practice, e.g., Ms. Robertson and Ms. Wai Digital Literacy, M. Kwan ESL/FSL, Ms. Afroze and Ms. Lockhart ISP and technology
- Implementing and using data wall to track student progress
  - Using data to inform practice and adjust practice
    - To perfect that practice to see what works or does not and adjust it
  - Data wall of achievement
  - Keeping track of achievement and extra curriculars
  - Qualifying data to inform what we do with the kids
- Ms. Elbertsen, Ms. Damian and Mrs. Grant
  - Created a student survey
  - For junior students to see how their mental health is, how they feel about success in their school
  - Teachers to oversee
  - Primary kids to do focus groups
    - Our school has a variety of kids and multilingual learners
    - Ask questions, how are they enjoying school
    - And how they feel about going to school
  - Staff survey
    - How do you feel about coming to work everyday
    - Feel safe, can grow, learn and making a difference
  - Use it to inform all of our practices as a school community
- **Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools (SCAs)**
  - Same emergency and evacuation protocols as last year
  - Fire drills and lock down drills conducted
- **Staffing**
  - At full compliment!!
  - Ms. Bemat - Teacher-Librarian
  - Ms. James - EA in DD program
  - Ms. Moganasundaram – SNA
- **Budget**
  - Already 50% spent
  - Will continue to spend money in support of our SIP
  - New budget \$36,351

- 48% spent already on staff tech, gym equipment, and other incidentals i.e., equipment for DK, safety items
- Special small group teaching tables
- All teaching staff have own devices
- Cricket sports equipment (school council covering \$250)
- Soft ball (Mr. Montuno teaching), equipment donated by Jay's Care Foundation
- Gross motor and sensory equipment for DD and DK to let them decompress (room 4 MR. Yeh's room)
- **Extra curricular**
  - D3 teams - Junior Boys VB, Junior Girls BB (extra invitational game)
  - 905 Raptors on Thursday for Lee & Elbertsen classes
  - February at the Island school for grade 6 overnight trip
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  - Forest Valley in the new year for primary classes
- **Trustee** Yalini Rajakulasingam going on maternity leave
  - Has come to visit
- **Budget Needs**
  - Gross motor/sensory room for ISPs