

**Minutes from School Advisory Council**  
**Chartland Jr Public School**  
**November 23, 2022**

**Attendance:** Georgia (Co-Chair), Ambi, Molly, Sue, Winnie, France (Co-Chair), Latoya, Susan Tom (Chartland Child Care), Sherron Grant (Principal), Carolyn Elbertsen (Teacher) and Michelle So (Teacher), Eliza Sum (interpreter)

1. School Improvement by Ms. So → First Lego League  
Presentation:

- Purpose is to immerse students in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering curriculum that will engage them in vigorous and relevant learning experience.
- Vision
  - Dash and dots robots video
    - Smart robots teaching coding through play
    - Apps
  - First LEGO League Challenge
    - Grow and code robots
    - 12 week program with competition at the end
- Cost is \$4407 after taxes
  - Includes materials
  - Proposal is to apply for grant with rebate of \$1250
  - ½ cost school funded by the school
  - And ½ cost funded by SAC \$1578.50 tax included
  - How many students involved?
    - school wide event rotates around in classes
  - Team to compete with other schools
  - Implement asap – spring
  - Can materials be reused?
    - Yes, it is multiyear and stays with the school
  - Henry Kelsey gifted the dash and dots to Chartland Jr.P.S.
    - Lots of interest among the junior students
    - Lego league is the next step

- Dash and dots more limited
- Henry Kelsey has a robotics program and LEGO league
  - Potential bridge to middle school

Mrs. Grant:

- Will benefit a lot of children – several classes involved
- To learn, apply literacy skills, problem solving skills, team work while having fun
- Can see what the high schoolers are doing
- Open up and expose kids for what can be
- Coding is the future and will help put our kids ahead of the game

**SAC – all in agreeance to fund LEGO league robot.**

(NB: Sac gets \$500 deposited automatically every year from TDSB)

2. Review of popcorn sales from November 16th

- 30 bags left over (sell the rest Friday or movie night)
- \$175 made from the sale

3. Friday November 25th - Pizza Day:

- making more profit this time (\$255)
- larger slices, buying full pizzas
- volunteers are ready

4. Thursday December 1st - Movie Night:

- Set for 6 pm to watch Tom and Jerry
- Mrs. Grant to buy the Streaming service
- Free for the gymnasium
- Permit for SAC
- no custodian fee on weekday nights as they are still there until about 10 pm.

- most of the orders come in the first or second day (not too much time to tell the kids)
- Combos listed on Cash Online
- Baked goods and treats for cash in person
- Addition popcorn, etc (\$1-3)
- Kids can bring blankets and camping chairs

## 5. Wish list for Teachers

- Working document gone out to teachers
- Ms. Elbertsen:
  - Teachers and educators were excited to hear that SAC was interested
  - Taking in mind TDSB goals: equity, achievement, well-being, wellness
- Flexible seating
  - Wobble chairs (for older kids)
    - 81\$ +
    - Largest chair
    - 300 lb weight limit
  - Calming corner
  - The surf chair – flexible seating \$48-49
    - Low seated
    - More for younger kids - primary
    - Another option
- 10 classes
- Physiologically boys need to move more
  - Boys/students tend to be penalized because they need to move
  - It helps them think and converse
  - Every class has someone that needs to move – potentially 2-3 chairs in every room to start
  - Wellness leads to achievement
  - Are there any other vendors to get it at better price?

- Board is very strict when it comes to vendors (Flag House (10% off with first order)
  - Likely stuck with these prices
  - Spectrum is another vendor (Ms. Elbertsen and Ms. So to look for vendors)
- Blurb to show parents – to ask for donations
- Do before New Years for tax reasons (as incentive)
- Also give something concrete (would you like to sponsor this chair)
- Standing desk
- Additional jerseys and t shirts for sporting events
- Wish list document:
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHhR372fb\\_uGwh5Aq6Gimtq6EXLuC0JZAPsVWTxMBDQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHhR372fb_uGwh5Aq6Gimtq6EXLuC0JZAPsVWTxMBDQ/edit)

## 6. Principal's Report

- School Improvement Plan (SIP)
  - teachers still going out and doing PD
    - Right To Read, Effective Early Years Reading Strategies, Be the Change and Inclusion, Middle Years Reading Intervention
    - PD on middle years literacy (Ms. Damian)
      - 2-4 year reading gaps in middle years
    - Bring back PD information and moving students along academically, wellness and equity
- Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools (SCAs) - ongoing
  - Caring and safe schools committee
    - Restorative Practices School Code of Conduct
    - Mr. J. Kwan – will take the lead on future initiatives and liaise with parent community.
    - Conduct surveys and improve blind spots
  - Continue to work on kindness with students
    - Students can say stuff off the cuff and don't realize how deeply it hurts

- Practice proper behaviour at recess
  - Increase problem solving and conflict resolution skills
  - Work with teachers on speaking up at school
    - When you hear of inappropriate, racist, sexist, even subtly to speak up
    - Moral obligation and tools to know how and when to stand up
    - Empower students
- Staffing
  - New Diagnostic K teacher is leaving
  - Hiring new teacher
- LRS position
  - Need 2 new ones
  - An LRS is retiring
- Need for daily occasional teachers
- Budget (priorities for fall)
  - Numeracy, Literacy, Well-Being
    - We are at half of our budget spent on necessary items such as technology
    - Ms. So will head to book fair to purchase diverse resources for the library e.g., graphic novels, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction, on various topics/themes
    - Will look into trips to the public library for the school to ensure all families are aware of this wonderful and FREE resource
- Student fundraising going well with teacher support
  - Bubble Tea, homemade baked goods
- By-Laws
  - Georgia and France have them from last year
  - Govern what you do, membership, voting, procedures,
  - Georgia forwarded to Mrs. Grant
  - School statement of needs (SSON)
    - Speaks to what you want in a school leader

- Basic outline about what this school needs for a leader
  - Due at end of this month to School Superintendent
  - Will review one from the past
    - Ms. Sharma left in folder

**Summary: Priority to get Robotics and Chairs**

- Covers achievement and wellness
- Equity
  - For kids that *need it* get it

7. December

- One more sale for Dec.
  - Cookie sale (vegan cookies from Nature's Way)
- complementary hot chocolate morning

8. Winter Concert:

- potentially sell stuff that night (30 mins before show starts)
- reserved seats for parent council that are selling

9. Adjournment - Next meeting February 8th, 2023