

## Minutes from School Advisory Council

### Chartland Jr Public School

**Feb 8, 2023**

Attendance: Georgia, Molly, Sue, Winnie, France, Sherron Grant, Carolyn Elbertsen and Eliza Sum (interpreter)

1. **Cookie Day** – Wed, Feb 15 – kids pay cash \$1.50 cookies from Terracotta – morning
2. **Pancake Day/Cuddle up and read** – Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023
  - cash online open until Sunday
  - 7 grills and stove
  - PAC meet at 7 am to make pancakes and 8 am to serve
  - 8:30 is cuddle-up and read program
  - Daycare has silver foil trays to keep pancakes warm
  - Buy paper cups for syrup
  - France will send letter to Metro (*Metro donated \$25*)
    - o to donate food to schools (to get pancake mix)
    - o One pancake mix is peanut free, but “may contain” certain ingredients...
    - o One pancake mix to accommodate vegan, Halal pancake mix is peanut and tree-nut free, egg free, gluten free
    - o Keep separate
    - o Ask teachers in advance
  - Scoops, spatulas, ladles, measuring cup
  - Bowls to mix batter
  - Batter sits overnight in fridge – tastes better

Change pizza day to March, Friday 3

Popcorn day March 10

Pizza Day March 31

3. **Parent Council Fundraising Profits to be distributed:**
  - 2 chairs per classroom (11 classes/classrooms total)
  - Wobble chairs
  - \$2500 lump sum potentially
  - Get definite prices and sizes of the chair needed for each classroom
  - Potentially free shipping from company in Newmarket
  - Other optional seating (yoga balls)

Tangible contributions from PC

- Note: (New DK class receives \$1000 from school board)
4. **Parent/Teacher interview** – book sale at the library
    - “Another Story” book sale

- First week of May – education week – Scholastic book fair (get Scholastic credit)
- Resources purchased
- More credit left
- How much was raised and what percentage do we get from the sales?

#### **5. Do we need another lunch table?**

Mrs. Grant: No, we have nowhere to put it

- How about folding tables? Something easy to store?
- Chartland is extremely strapped for storage (tables currently in Phys.Ed room)
- Some kids enjoy sitting on the floor/benches
- Currently Mrs. Grant thinks that the kids are ok
- Around 15 kids without space
- Another bench?

#### **6. Principals Update**

- Focus on literacy or numeracy – we are focusing on literacy
- EQAO data – only a snapshot and only one part of the puzzle when looking at our students' progress
- Literacy stayed same from grade 3 to grade 6 (70-80%)
- Math not as good – provincial wide problem
- Literacy focused PD for teachers
- Teachers to target reading instruction to get students to where they need to be
- Ms. So and Ms. Munroe doing reading assessments
- DRA kit (reading assessment kit – junior and intermediate students)
- Need for reading fluency
  - o Reading for meaning
  - o Reading punctuation, emphasis and fluidity
  - o Student can tell you about the article, point of view, author, purpose, etc.
- ½ of robotics order has come in
- SCAs – MR. Kwan (Grade 5/6) Chair
  - o France is parent rep
  - o Areas of inclusion, acceptance, kindness and community
  - o Learning how to problem solve,
  - o Conflict resolution skills
  - o Ms. Zupo non-teaching staff rep
- Staffing issues –
  - o Slowly filling lunchroom supervisor roster
  - o Problems across the board with staffing issues
- Budget going quickly
  - o Smaller school, fewer students, less money to work with
  - o Literacy resources
  - o Technology for teachers
  - o Few thousand left for summer expenses
  - o Kindergarten outdoor play equipment needed for gross motor skills

- (shed toys belong to daycare)
- Jr literacy resources
  - Some students not reading and not working at literacy grade level
  - Purchase resources for junior engagement and reading level
- PhysEd equipment – softball and cricket equipment
- Grade 6 outdoor education trip
- Student fundraising – supports financial literacy as well

Mr. Kwan – will be attending French literacy PD

Special education trained teachers (SPEC Ed)

- Lead teachers are Ms. Munroe and Ms. So (also Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Elbertsen (Part 1))
- Mr. Montuno & Mr. Kwan signed up to do part 2
- Ontario College of teacher site – type up their names and find out qualifications and background

## **7. Look at TDSB vendor list to see if we want to sell other treats to kids**

- Option for lunch/snack
- Noodle/rice option? Individualized?
- June – consider fundraising calendar for the next year so in Sept. parents can know for the year when the sales are
- Eliza present for translating
  - How can we get more families out
  - Create a letter to go out the week before to remind parents in Chinese
  - We want more diversity
  - Remind the teachers to send out a reminder to parents
  - We can also post on the volunteer WhatsApp group

## **8. Icy in the back in the morning**

- Mr. Hasan is head caretaker (6 am -2:30 pm shift)
  - Only to clear pathway
- Charline (3-11 pm)
- Caution tape needed for stairs when they are not cleared