

Parent Council Meeting

(November 1st 2023)

- Voted on School Council members
 - Vicky – Chair
 - Jenny – Vice Chair
 - Michelle – Treasurer
 - Melina – Secretary
- We will set up an agenda before running each meeting, and follow the agenda. Principal Mercieca will send out the agendas before the meetings. If anyone would like to add anything they may reach out to Vicky.
- We may look into having zoom calls for those who would like to attend online.
- Parent, who is also a member of the Hindu Heritage Committee, suggested to:
 - organize a dance and music. If anyone is interested, they will bring it to our school.
 - In the month of June, people from Scarborough, Brampton, and Mississauga will walk for 36km.
 - Principal Mercieca will inquire with teachers to see who would like to participate.
 - Vicky suggested that the request be made in writing (via email) if we are to raise funds from the government.
- To have a suggestion box for parents to submit their suggestions into
- Mr. Logan organized a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 7th. It was done in 2 sessions.
- Holiday concert will happen sometime in January
- Treat sale was on November 30th
- Spirit Wear:
 - Students were given 3 options for a new logo (2 new logos, 1 existing)
 - Students are voting on which logo they would like to have for their spirit wear
 - Items with new logo could be available as (still discussing which items):
 - T-shirts
 - Trackpants
 - Sweatshirts
 - Full zips
 - Shorts
 - Scarves
 - Hats
 - Would need to pay a new set up fee for each item/logo
 - Are we keeping the Ellesmere-Statton colours (red/black/white)?
 - Maybe add pink and orange?
 - We need to consult and see if I can use orange as is it part of the No Child Left behind, and money goes to the Indigenous people.
- Information for open houses for grade 8's, the teachers will have on google classroom.
- For parent/teacher interviews; the parents have to use a web-based program to book the time/date to meet with the teacher. Use the drop-down menu to choose your child's teacher

and their availability. Interviews can happen over the phone, virtually, or in person. The teacher will send an follow-up email confirming the time/date of the interview.

- Ms. Brovetto was hired to run the IEP program, starting in January (maternity leave). In the meantime, Angela has taken over the IEP for now.
- School needs to have a Parent and Safety Committee.
 - The committee should be made up of all stakeholders;
 - Administrative staff
 - Custodial staff
 - Teachers
 - Office staff
 - Parents
 - Students also need to be there to speak on behalf of the student voice.
 - Meetings need to happen at least 4 times per year to discuss;
 - School climate
 - Things that are going well
 - Things that aren't going well
 - School bathrooms (as they are quite problematic)
 - Students making messes
 - Having accidents
 - Not wanting to go in because of the bathroom conditions
 - We do not have adult eyes in the bathrooms so teachers are mostly unaware
 - Make posters/announcements about the bathrooms, playscape, other issues...
 - Discuss about a school improvement plan
 - Next meeting, the principal would like to share the school improvement plan and budget.
 - Some students have been getting into fights (a lot of rough play; pushing, bullying, etc..)
 - Need to work closely with teachers (all grades) to deliver the lessons around the N word, empathy, respect, different cultures.
- There should be teacher supervision (4 adults in total) until 4pm after dismissal.
- Parent behaviour has become unacceptable (fighting, yelling, screaming obscenities, making it difficult for teachers to do their job). Some parents may need a 'trespass letter' where they are only allowed to pick up and drop off their children on school property, otherwise, not permitted into the building.
- Posters were ordered for the school. Other schools will also be posting them. (in regards to student behaviour)
- Any racist language can be reported to TDSB hotline.
- Passes for doors:
 - The school is approved for 3
 - Previous principal cancelled the order as she felt the
 - It'll come out of the school's budget and it'll be about \$10,000
 - Doors getting the passes are;
 - Kindergarten door (Door 11)
 - Door near cafeteria

- Door 8
 - For now, only door 5 has a key.
 - Walkie-talkies were purchased for staff
- Office staff needs to be accessible (via phones) before 9:15am
 - Bus driver was waiting outside for 10minutes as they couldn't reach anyone in the office
- Vickie's email so parents/staff may reach her with inquiries Vasaliki.pavlidis@tdsb.on.ca
- Trying to bring back skating trips for students as it is a great opportunity for most students to actually go and learn for the first time.
 - Parents can donate skates/helmets so children who do not have any can use them
 - We borrow skates from other schools and we return them
 - Desjardins and the city of Toronto have a skate bus with skates, helmets, and pads. We need to look into working with them.
- Next Parent Council meeting is December 13th at 5:30pm. We will open it for hybrid participation to see how it works. Would prefer in person.
- December 22nd is the last day of school before the holidays
- We need to find someone who is OCT certified, for tutoring.