

## **Student Council Meeting Notes – 1.19.26**

### **Principal's Report**

- School enrolment is down by one student; current total is 243 students.
- Kindergarten registration for September has begun.
- No changes in staffing since the last meeting.
- No facilities update currently. The next update is expected in the spring, when the board will confirm whether the school has been approved as a capital project for the rebuilding.

### **Safe Schools**

- Positive improvements noted:
  - Fewer office interventions
  - Fewer student injuries
- School sleds are due for a refresh:
  - Currently only 7–8 usable sleds
  - Staff will assess which can be retired and look at purchasing additional sleds
- Strong classroom discussions held in Grades 3–5 on the power of language, focusing on:
  - Gossip and rumours
  - Not passing on negative or unverified information
  - The power of language, including words that discriminate

### **Teaching & Learning**

- Teachers are currently working on report cards.
- Report cards will be emailed home on February 11.
- An online booking system for parent-teacher interviews will be set up soon with teacher availability.

### **TDSB Remote Learning**

- Remote learning for Grades 2–8 will be offered again next year.
- Program is being grandfathered:
  - No new students will be accepted
  - Existing students may continue

### **Budget Update**

- Current school budget balance: \$790.24
- Total funds raised by School Council: \$1,306.58

### **Extra-Curricular Events & Activities**

- Island School Trip was a success.
- Girls Volleyball (non-competitive) has started.
- Boys Basketball team has started; tournament details to follow.
- Ball Hockey:
  - Interest meeting held today
  - Two parent volunteer coaches confirmed
- Swim to Survive program:
  - Very positive participation and feedback
  - Pizza fundraiser covered the cost of the return bus
  - Ms. Henning has been teaching in-class lessons to all students
  - We believe results can be recorded in EMA to show individual skill levels
- Skating Days coming up; volunteers coordinated through homeroom teachers
- Board Games Club announced today
- Sewing Club to be announced next week

- Kindness Club ongoing
- Winter Activity Day:
  - Olympic-themed
  - Planned to align with the Paralympics
- Floor Hockey:
  - Starting in the spring
  - Winning team will play the teachers

### **Jen Wilson Memorial**

- Discussion held about creating an award in Jen Wilson’s memory.
- Potential focus on ESL, the subject she taught at GRG.
- Council to consider how much to contribute this year and next.
- Vote to take place at the next meeting.

### **Fundraising**

- \$1,200 raised through 50/50 and raffle at the Winter Concert.

Discussion for future fundraising:

- How to better involve Kindergarten families
- Consider alternatives such as:
  - “Guess how many in the jar” (no lottery license required)
- Review whether to:
  - Continue both 50/50 and raffle
  - Choose one
  - Change the approach entirely, based on effort vs. return

### **2025–26 Fundraising Goals**

- Consider directing lottery (50/50) proceeds to the Nutrition Program

- Requires a vote by council members (via meeting or survey)

Potential uses of funds:

- Nutrition Program
- Field trip admission fees or transportation
- Clubs and student programs
- Technology and educational materials (e.g., projectors)

**UPDATE: Vote held with quorum on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 via TEAMS**

- **Vote to direct \$1200 of Lottery proceeds to Nutrition Program PASSED**

Teacher requests and ideas:

- Additional Chromebooks (some are not working well; students are sharing)
- Possible Outdoor Revitalization Theme, including:
  - Kindergarten outdoor toy refresh (trikes, etc.)
  - Class-specific recess bags
  - Sidewalk chalk
  - Refreshing the sidewalk rainbow
  - Painting planters
- Dance-A-Thon in early spring, with funds directed toward the outdoor theme

## **Upcoming Events**

Movie Night

- Proposed date: Wednesday, February 25 (Pink Shirt Day)
  - **UPDATE: Postponed to May for additional planning time**
- RSVP via School Cash Online (Follow the same process used for Bingo Night)
- Pizza and beverage sales
- Movie suggestions: *Inside Out* (series), *Zootopia 2*
- Students encouraged to bring blankets to sit on

## Dance-A-Thon

- DJ to be booked ASAP to secure availability
- Song requests to be collected in advance through homerooms
- Local realtor has reached out to support the event
- Funds to cover:
  - Fundraising incentives
  - Glow bracelets
  - DJ and lighting