

Terraview Willowfield PS: Parent Council Meeting November 19, 2024

Previous month MoM: Approved by Tori Coull second approval by Annalicia Medford

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Update on staffing shortage. 5th round of posting for a contract position. Ms. Kiriazopoulos has moved into 6/7 class full time. Potential hires do not have the correct qualifications thus far.
- Ms. Lee reported that the Scholastic Book Fair did \$4300.00 in sales. This resulted in Terraview receiving \$1500.00 worth of new books for our library.
- Progress Reports went out and interviews were held November 14 & 15th. All parents are eligible for an interview. Outside of interviews, parents/guardians are always welcome to reach out to their child's teachers if they need to talk.
- Mrs. Manakis on a short term leave. Her interviews will be held when she returns.
- Winter Concert for Kindergarten-3/4, will be held on Thursday December 12 from 6-7pm. Bake Sale following at 7-7:30pm. Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday December 11.
- Grades 4-8 will be going (walking) to Victoria Park Collegiate for their Holiday Concert on December 12 at 12:15pm.
- Friday December 6, grades 6-8's will be going to Wexford for their Seasonal Variety Show at 1pm.
- Mrs. Kentros has committed to doing Annual Food Drive (donations go to Agincourt Food Bank) & Uncle Neil's Toy Drive again this year December 1-18th. Toy pickup December 19th.
- Student Council/Ms. Smye will be doing the first special spirit day of the year 'Come With Anything But A Backpack Day' Thursday November 21st. Hopes to host a Multicultural event in the Spring.
- Mrs. Capstick has expressed that there is interest for another talent show but no dates as of yet. Suggested that Parent Council could support the purchase of a wireless headset. Council has began pricing out.
- IXL has been a topic of discussion amongst staff. It is \$18/student x 291 students. School usually absorbs the cost. IXL is only meant to be used as a supplemental tool. We need to determine if parents feel it is or is not beneficial. Perhaps a survey to go out. An alternative would be a resource called Knowledge Hook. This is free to students but works in different ways. IXL stats: Per week grades 2-4 and 8 were the highest users. No staff are using IXL as a diagnostic tool. For equity, it was purchased for all students as textbooks are old and are misaligned with current curriculum.

Parent Council Notes:

- Innovative Grant due December 1/2024. Mental health theme was submitted. The selected theme was 'Mindfulness Today'. They work with schools and staff and is \$850. An art night will take place and the art will be displayed at school in the halls. Parents can come & learn about anxiety and recognize behaviours in their children. Childcare is available if needed. Refreshments will be served.
- Grant is \$1500.
- Children's Mental Health week is the first week in February 2025.
- Fun Run Review: 130 participants came out, no money was made, PC was close to breaking even. We went over budget but are set up for next year. \$360 for Custodial Services that we have to pay ourselves.
- Clothing Swap went well. Most busy after school. Next swap we could open it up to more than just Winter items, as other clothing went fast.

Fundraisers and Upcoming Events:

- Sending out to staff: Wishlist for classroom, student, building, and staff needs.
- Thinking of a bigger fundraising goal but could take time to obtain.
- Wishlist is prefaced 'while not guaranteed, this serves as a wish list of things we would like to have'.
- December 17th: Christmas Crafternoon - after school from 3:30-5pm.
- December 18th: Character Assembly Periods 2/3
- Santa (or elves) to visit classrooms last week of school.
- Possibility of Apple Cinnamon muffins going out for Snack Program that can be decorated by each student (Bulk barn for sprinkles etc.)

Pizza Lunch:

- Volunteers greatly needed
- Pizza lunch payment option is through school cash online ONLY and on monthly basis.
- Pizza from Dominos
- Timings: 11:15 - 11:30 - Kindergarten to Grade 3/4
- 11:45 - 12:00 – Grades 5-8

Parking:

Parking has been a persistent issue and is becoming increasingly problematic. Cars are prohibited from entering the parking lot, which has led to vehicles attempting to turn around in areas where students are crossing. This has resulted in several near-miss incidents involving students.

We kindly remind parents and guardians to park away from the school, including avoiding street parking that leads to the parking lot. As winter conditions worsen, snowbanks will be created by plows, making it even more challenging for buses to maneuver safely.

For the safety of all students and to ensure smooth traffic flow, please refrain from parking close to the school. Cooperation is greatly appreciated.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Tori Coull
- Rehaana Manek
- Alexis Koehler
- Annalicia Medford
- Natalie Wilson
- Christina Parousis
- Voula Triandos
- Robert Mais
- Shannon Timberlake
- Kawtar Jaffer
- Kawser Ahmed Nayeem
- Patricia Kikiris
- Heidi McKnight
- Minna Coponen

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- Nov 19/24
- Dec 10/24
- Jan 21/2025
- Feb 20/2025
- March 18/2025
- April 15/2025
- May 13/2025
- June TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm