

Terraview Willowfield PS

Parent Council Minutes for meeting held January 23, 2024 (Zoom)

Positions held:

Chair - Rehaana Manek
Co-Chair - Tori Coull
Secretary - Alexis Koehler
Co-Secretary - Cassandra Morris
Sharas Yerramshetty - Treasurer
Pooja Rani - Co-Treasurer

Next Meetings scheduled (6:30-7:30):

March 19, 2024 – Online meeting
April 16, 2024 - In person
May 21, 2024 - In person
June 11, 2024 – In person

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Lots of exciting plans taking place at the moment. Ms. Capano reviewed the staff wish list for the year:

- Scientist in the School (\$300/classroom)
- Funding/Support for Greek Club in February (\$500)
- Funding/Support for raised garden bed
- Duffle Bag Theatre (\$1400)
- Outdoor toys for JK/SK's
- Busing for excursions (Approx \$400/bus)
- Ms. San Clemente asked for funding/support with bins for each class's sports equipment. PALS was introduced and this would be helpful to the volunteers so that could initiate games with the kids outside.
- ASD classes asked for funding/support for development of the sensory room. Improvement of the space. Creative materials.

'Young Women On The Move' initiative is taking place in our school where female students can join. The initiative help build confidence and positivity amongst young women. Looking to switch the club to lunch time as after school could be impacting involvement.

Student Council Initiative

SC is divided into 3 groups:

Equity- currently implementing PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) 'Students are trained to plan and lead fun and safe activities on the playground during recess and lunch. (toronto.ca)

Spirit - Every month they are different fun days such as 'Opposite Day', Candy grams etc..

Environmental- Going class to class and teaching students about recycling and the importance of recycling.

Family Literacy Week- Different activities throughout the month such as Family bingo, reach out and read, TW read-a-thon.

- Mrs. Lee is also running "The Forest of Reading" club. All ages are welcome to join.

Black History Month - February 2024

Report cards are in preparation to be sent home on February 13, 2024. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be the evening of February 15th and into the 16th. Feb. 16th is a PA Day for students.

FACILITY NOTE:

The following classrooms (Mrs. Kwan, Mrs. Manakis, Mrs. Capstick and the Music room, on the South side of TW get very warm with the change of temp. Particularly in June and in September. The air circulation becomes difficult with not being able to open windows due to bugs and no screens. 190 screens will be added to the school. A letter will be sent home and there will be no need for staff and students to relocate as the work will only commence in the evenings following dismissal. This work is set to begin on February 6, 2024 and there may be lifts outside of the building during school hours.

FUNDRAISING:

Chocolate Fundraiser- sales are set to begin Monday Feb 12 - March 22/2024

Pizza Lunch (trying to organize a sign-up sheet for volunteers) - there was a discussion around best practice for where pizza will be eaten and if its better to stagger the lunches on the day of. Volunteers will be needed for Feb 23, March 22, April 26, May 31

Giving Back to the Community - the fundraising committee was exploring ways to give back to the community and thought that a Clothing/Food Swap would be the next initiative. This is an opportunity to connect with the community and for parents and kids to get to know each other. Items can be dropped off and we will store them in the gym on the stage. A permit will be required (F. Capano) and we will host the Swap on Friday March 22, 2024. The community can come give items, and in turn, take items. Advertising to start accepting goods will begin on March 19th & 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm