

## School Council Meeting minutes

Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

### **Attendees:**

Adele Hollingsworth

Yvette Williamson

Jawad Hyder

Rohan Kulkarni

Adnan Zamir

Palash Thakur

Muneeba Najam

Ambreen Sayani

Melanie Tai

David Crossley

### **Welcome:**

Mrs. Hollingsworth opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and thanked Mr. Hyder for leading last school year's council

Mr. Hyder spoke, thanking all members of the council , staff and parents for their support

### **Mrs. Hollingsworth's Principal's Message:**

1. Spoke to the events ran at Churchill meadows last year – Numeracy Night with focus on critical thinking & the Acorn Fundraiser
2. “Safe Arrival” - new reporting system put in place by the Peel Board. Appears to be working well and embraced by parents. Has proven to be a true time saver with schools being able to finalize their attendance much earlier in the day. This allows for school

administrators to being able to account for all students & have more time to devote to other work

3. Re-Org day – held on Tuesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. School staffing levels was originally planned for 770 children with final numbers at 840 by the start of the school year. 2 new classes were added – a Kindergarten class and a grade 1 class. The 2/3 split class was adjusted and Grade 4 split to full classrooms. This was needed to balance out teacher/student ratios. Good news to the current LTO's as some were hired for permanent jobs within the school board.
4. Open House – was a good success with many families turning out to visit the school and their children's teachers
5. EQAO – The board's focus will remain on Math this year and for the next couple of years. Reviewed results form 2015-2016 school year:
  - a. Reading – 79%, increased 1% from 2013-14 results, Churchill Meadows above the board (73%) and Provincial rating (70%)
  - b. Writing – 80% – remained flat to 2013-14 results, Churchill Meadows above the board (76%) and Provincial rating (78%)
  - c. Math – dropped 11% from 78% in 2013-14 to 67%, Churchill Meadows above the board (61%) and flat to Provincial rating (67%)
6. Fund Raising efforts – Churchill meadows continues to raise funds through pizza day sales & milk and cookie sales - IXL and RAZ-Kids purchased with fundraising dollars for the school. In addition, the fundraising will support the purchase of technology, subsidizing field trips, performances and outdoor equipment.

The school participated in the board level fund raising efforts for Terry Fox & Hurricane relief

### **Building Climate of Inclusion:**

Mrs. Williamson spoke to the project of building inclusion within the school. Started this with the First Nation's national anthem. Mental health & wellness articles and video clips are available to all parents through the website and focus is being placed on erasing the stigma of mental illness. New this year is the Character Club. The school will be holding monthly assemblies with a focus on the values of key character traits. Next month's focus will be "Respect". Introduced mindfulness within the classrooms – building engagement within the classroom & in the moment. Introduction of mindful minutes which gives children and teacher the opportunity in the moment to reflect on how everyone is feeling and being sensitive to others

Discussions for next meeting:

Need to come up with ideas on how to grow the council membership

Need to discuss Movie Night and other fund raising ideas for this year besides the pizza sales

**Council Appointments:**

Council chairs - Mr. Hyder & Mr. Thakur

Secretary – Mr. Kulkarni

Treasurer - ??

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm..... tonight's meeting was short due to Family Math Night starting at 6:45pm