



## **Home and School Meeting - Monday, March 18th, 2019**

### **1. Welcome and Sign-In**

**Attendance:** Taken

### **2. Principal's Message**

- Staffing – down a full class next year. Total loss is 1.6 of staff and have to reduce one of the junior classes. 1.6 of teachers are declared excess and will hit the interview circuit at the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Peel has a negative growth rate – which hasn't happened in 20 years. Lost .2 of planning hours. Took a major hit in special education as well. Projecting at 358 students.
- Huddle Up – was fantastic. Each class came up with a slogan for their classroom with their teacher's name. Tyler Holmes spoke about bullying when he was a kid. The organizer spoke about why he started the organization 20 years ago. Program went very well and was extremely positive for the kindergarten students and they were very interested.
- Friday – Por amore – presentation went well. Presented positive character traits, black culture and black history. They presented workshops to the junior kids and received good feedback from that.
- Wednesday – funky van will be parked in front of the school - code mobile! They come in with a host of technology. Wednesday and Thursday this week. New technology for the kids to use and whole focus is on coding. Grades 1 – 5.
- Thursday – principals working with Allan Drive to talk about transition from Ellwood to Allan Drive. Working at an event from the Grade 5 students that would feed into Allan drive and so a sort of mixer that would take place this Spring.
- Special Ed – review the annual testing to provide baseline on how those students are doing
- Spirit day – 29<sup>th</sup> – Green Day
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – primary dress rehearsal. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 930-1030 am and 2-3 pm show. Grade 1-5
- Author visit – Elly McKay - April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Elective programs for Grades 1-5 ON April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Dental screening for Grade 2-4 on the April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Financial Update**

- Still money available – but notice that money will be running out soon, so teacher requests need to get in.
- Popcorn – went very well. Raised \$341.

#### 4. Teacher Requests

- Mrs. Cannon and 1 JR Teacher – Forest of Reading: would like to request funds to cover \$4 per student. Cost of the bus is \$200. Total estimated cost is \$400. **APPROVED**
- Mrs. Lawlor to cover the cost of a whole school presentation. Elly McKay – give 4 workshops on reading and writing books. \$800 plus tax = \$904. **APPROVED**
- Kindergarten – would like to purchase headphones to help us focus (just listen through headsets). 2 sets of 10 – giving each class 5. Total Amount \$351.80 + Shipping. **APPROVED**
- Mrs. Cannon - setting up a maker space and purchase challenge cards. Two sets are approximately \$95 or \$110 including shipping. **APPROVED**
- Mr. Greenhow and Mr. Gardener request - \$699 each. 4 X5 kids bikes to put in breakout rooms. All ergonomically engineered for children in this age range. 4 bikes = \$3159.48 (tax in) – **2 BIKES ARE APPROVED = \$1,579.94**

**TOTAL ASK = \$4925.28**

**TOTAL APPROVED = \$3,345.34**

#### 5. Fundraising Updates – Marlies

- Sales are not as strong as last year and we have sold 55 tickets. Have extended the original deadline to try and get the skating after. Didn't hit the minimum to skate after. 26 tickets available still...

#### 6. Movie Night

- Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – movie night. Still hoping on the Lego movie – releasing in May and so is how to train your dragon. 6:00 door open and movie begins at 6:30pm

#### 7. Fundraising Ideas

- Poinsettias for next year?
- Plantables – order everything online – and the school gets 10% of the sale. They send the product to your house – the vegetable plan when it is supposed to be planted. Con – delivering to Bolton may mean it sits in a warehouse for the weekend and will be a bit wilted and thirsty on arrival.
- Plant best – seed kits 50% goes to the school.
- Krispy Kreme – donuts – **moving forward with this one!**
- Fall Harvest - Food Fundraiser – for next year?
- Fun Run? Superhero fun run - make your cape or costume...
- Night at the museum – set up kids art around the gym and can serve drinks – might need a permit?

- The Card Project is a new version of the card making fundraiser. Mr. Gardener has more details on this that he can forward.

#### **8. Home & School Website Update**

- It is up and running now! LIVE!
- [Ellwoodhomeandschoolassociation.wordpress.com](http://Ellwoodhomeandschoolassociation.wordpress.com)
- Contact us – goes directly to the Home & School email address
- Add a link to a google survey to see if people like fundraising, what fundraising, would they rather give \$\$?

#### **9. SK and Grade 5 Graduation – need people to help**

- SK graduation – June 21<sup>st</sup> (9:30am)
- Grade 5 graduation – June 20<sup>th</sup> (10am)

#### **10. Open Discussion Next Meeting Date Monday 8th April 2019 at 6:30pm**

Thank you for coming to our Home & School meeting.