

#### ATTENDANCE:

Shauna Davidson Kerry Thompson Maria Madeira Heather Sinclair Simona Emiliani Carla Granger Amy Dickson Tammy Cruji Joseph Alejandria Silvia Torenta Simon Geloski

Nova Browning Rutherford Tamara Lee Daniela Hawkins

### 1. Welcome

• Heather Sinclair Parent Council Co-Chair welcomed everyone and initiated approval of the minutes.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** To accept the January minutes

Moved by: Tammy Cruji Seconded by: Carla Granger Motion Carried.

## 3. Principal's Report:

#### Finalizing School Goals:

- Wellbeing: We will foster student and staff wellness and resiliency by creating a safe environment that
  focuses on building relationships, making connections with one another and developing strategies for
  increase participation and risk-taking in and outside of class
- Achievement: Students will be able to clearly and concisely communicate their learning in written expression across all disciplines and they will be able to communicate and just their thinking and reasoning in mathematics
- **Equity:** staff will critically reflect on their lived experiences and their power and privilege in order to develop practices that are inclusive and reflective of all our students' identities, thereby increasing student engagement, achievement and wellbeing
- Watched video "I just sued the school system" and discussed in relation to Humbercrest Public School.

# **Updates:**

- Painting front stairwell and junior gym.
- Container for outside ready and maintenance currently clearing grounds and opening fence for delivery.
- School beautification and maintenance plan underway (eg. clear-seal for basement floor)
- Decals ordered (parent and student feedback helped create the messages on the stairs in French and English)
- Grade 7 students to help with drop zone (training this week with one of the teachers)
- Popcorn "think tank" ideas/thoughts welcome to mitigate the mess popcorn day creates in the school/classrooms
- Math professional learning coming up for teachers (full day)
- Upcoming parent council April

## 4. Approval of 2018 – 2019 Fundraising Dollars

- \$25,000 to spend
- \$20,000 Beautification of the building
  - o \$3000 decals
  - o working with local artists and/or children to complete murals on the walls
- \$5,000 proposals from parents and/or staff
- Next step: Simona Emiliani to identify what specifically the \$20,000 will be spent on and share at next parent council meeting.



**MOTION:** To approve the allocation of fundraising dollars (\$20,000 for beautification of the inside of the school and \$5,000 for parent and teacher proposals).

Moved by: Heather Sinclair Seconded by: Tammy Cruji Motion Carried.

### 5. SoFun Update

- Dance-A-Thon: March 5<sup>th</sup> (much music video dance party) with kick off assembly on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bingo Night: successful, raised over \$5,000

## 6. Ward 7 Update

- EQAO meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Speaker attending to talk about the topic and results.
- Will also be a meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2019/2020 budget.

## 7. Environment & Sustainability Committee

- EcoSchools' teacher representatives: Mme. Xuereb and Mme. Saund
- **Eco ambassadors** were present at Bingo night. Glad to see this is continuing as we build leadership roles in the EcoSchools program. The Eco-Ambassadors meet regularly weekly and the Reps meet monthly.
- Sweater Day on Feb. 7 (to bring climate change awareness) was a success
- Mme. Xuereb's class completed Schoolwide Waste Audit January 31st Results: The school is doing an overall
  very good job. Senior Lunchroom was noted in being the most neglectful. Intermediate classrooms need to be
  careful about recycling.
- Mme. Saund's class created boxes for the markers and batteries collection. These collection boxes will be in the main hallway under the Eco Board (along the outside office wall).
- Walking Wednesdays will be reintroduced at next Friday's assembly
- **First school-wide Eco Lunch with a representative from each class**. Teachers are saying the students are invested.
- Lights Out is being enforced in a positive manner with winners every month
- Work in Progress:
  - EcoSchools Large Tree Program coordinator visiting us in the spring to assess the location (Watson beds/picnic tables location). It is looking good for two trees to be planted in the Fall 2019.
  - Working on the application for the Bike Rodeo this spring. Application is due Feb 28th.
  - Earth Hour promotion (Earth Hour is Saturday, March 30, 8:30 to 9:30 pm EST)
  - Earth Week This year it will be April 23-26 (Earth Day is on Easter Monday). Confirming with Hope James to do "Not Just Tourists" luggage collection and will be signing up for OES (Ontario Electronic Stewardship) electronic collection again.
  - o Toronto Clean Up Day is on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Humbercrest to be involved.

### 8. Allergy Committee

n/a

# 9. Caring & Safe Schools Update

 Mandate Review: Looking at equity and inclusion in the school. Came together in December to identify mandate. Will be meeting in March, if anyone is interested, please reach out to Ibi

### 10. Other Business

• The Arts at Humbercrest: deferred until next meeting

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Tammy Cruji Seconded by: Amy Dickson Motion Carried.