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School Council Meeting  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

In attendance:

Mark Hopkins - Principal  
Megan Rempel – Teacher Representative  
Paul Hatala  
Suzanne Hall  
Trish Rayner  
Joanna Seymour  
Jen Omar  
Mike Nafekh  
Lesley Billingsley  
Denise Bazeley  
Erin Freeman  
Kiran Javid  
Elisha Szafran  
Jen Valente  
Brittany Hunter  
Shiny Thomas

Meeting Stated at 6:30pm

1. Land Acknowledgement – Mr. Hopkins Handed out a Form – “Paddle and Helm”
2. Approval of Minutes
  - **Motion: Motion to approve February School Council minutes**
    - o Second: Suzanne Hall
    - o For: 10
    - o Against: 0
    - o Abstentions: 0
    - o Motion Carried: yes
3. French Café - Elisha
  - A flyer was made to hand out to all the parents with all the details
  - Spoke to Jodie today
    - o Will post the flyer on School Cash Online
    - o Still need to know how many tables and chairs there are in the school so we don't book too many parents at each time slot



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- We still need table cloths - Paul to check in with Christa
  - Amazon sells little French flags to put in the croissants – suggestion made to use Quebec flags?
  - One grade 8 class to help (Servers, greeters, cleanup)
    - o Mr. Hopkins to ask if there are more students that can help
  - Another class will make decorations
  - Thinking of having the greeters right at the entry way to the gym, with a list of who is supposed to attend at what time
  - Possibility of leaving the first block for just students if their parents are not able to attend (Could still have a second option to go with parents at a later date)
  - Will need volunteers to monitor the greeters, to put croissants on the plate, pour the coffee/hot chocolate, and to supervise the bake sale table
  - Elisha will coordinate out a sign-up sheet – Paul will send out a google doc
  - Add the option on School Cash online for people who want to make a donation and can't attend
  - Time slots and dates are posted on SLACK for ordering through Tim Hortons
  - Crew from Empowerment Squared will also be attending the café
  - Mme. Rempel suggested conversations starters for the tables
  - Suggestion for the paper tables cloths to write on them (School has this on hand)
4. Financial Update - Kiran
- \$1488 – Current Balance
5. PRO Grant Guest Speaker - Paul
- Suggested Topics:
    - o Digital Safety – Chris Vollum \$525+HST
    - o Artificial Intelligence and School
    - o Other Ideas?
  - **Motion: School Council will use the PRO grant speaker fund to bring in Chris Vollum as a speaker for parents.**
    - o Second: Mike Nafekh
    - o For: 10
    - o Against: 0
    - o Abstain: 0
    - o Motion carried: yes
6. End of the Year Celebration – Paul
- A picnic at the end of the year (June)
  - Date? Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> with Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> as a rain date
    - o Mark to confirm the date by next Wednesday
  - Discussion of activities



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- 360° photo booth
- Fire trucks
- Hearts Activity
- Face Painting
- Ice cream truck
- Pancakes
- Popcorn and snow cones
- Large Jenga Set (Giant Lawn Games)
- Potato sack Race
- Pizza
- If anyone has any other ideas – Reach out the Lesley on SLACK
- Inviting the new (incoming) grade 1's again?
- Could we include a book sale (Summer Reading)?
  - Would be located in the learning commons
  - There would be a collection bin (1 week before)
  - Take the weekend before to organize by price
  - Have them set up in the tables in the leaning commons or in one of the portables
  - With the leftover books – donate them (Jen O offered to drop them off)
- **Motion: The school council would host the book sale on the day of the end of the year celebration**
  - Second: Trish Rayner
  - For: 10
  - Against: 0
  - Abstain: 0
  - Motion carried: yes
- Any further planning will be coordinated on the SLACK channel (Paul will take the lead)

## 7. Principal's Update – Mr. Hopkins

- Questions? Concerns?
  - Team Jerseys are looking a little worn – Could School Council (next year) look at funding those - definitely
  - Any movement on the parking lot situation? – Mr. Hopkins sent in a site plan and is awaiting a response
- School Improvement Plan (January 2024 – January 2025)
  - Needs Assessment – what the needs are: Numeracy, Literacy, Future Engagement, Well-being
  - Strategies - Lead Measures; Try to predict what are the lead measures
  - Professional Learning; Learn as we go, from each other, from the kids
  - Lag measures – Evaluate at the end of the year - how did we do?
- Habits of Mind this month:



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- Thinking about Thinking (Metacognition – what I say actually affects others)
  - Finding Humour (Sometimes you have to find it)
  - Progression Activities Grade 8's and Grade 1's (starting soon)
8. Staff Updates
- A lot of student-led things going on
    - Clubs – Colouring, Origami, Dance, Positive Space, Sports and more
  - Athletic teams;
    - Jr. Basketball just started
    - Incredible success with Sr. Boys team
9. Next Meeting
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm
  - In the Learning Commons
10. Motion to Adjourn:
- **Motion: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
    - Second: Lesley Billingsley
    - For: 10
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
    - Motion Carried: Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm