



PTA Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

7pm

PTA Executive Members In attendance:

Chelsea-Lyn Aboud
Melanie Baker
Tracy McNeil
Sara Newman
Tracy Rodgers

Regrets:

Carmen Peckham
Shannon Garroway

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Principal's Report**
- Review of updates
- Student Population
 - 539 students (including 39 PP)
 - Lots of fluidity as students move out of and in to school district
 - All classes at cap or slightly over
- Online Learning
 - Positive feedback
 - Most families engaged in it and packages were supplied for those who were unable to learn online
 - 175 devices loaned out via the library (easier tracking); still waiting on the return of 20-30
- Public Health Restrictions
 - Students doing well with masks and hand sanitizing
- Library
 - carpeting needed
- Breakfast Program
 - Breakfast baskets are continuing
- Classrooms
 - School recently purchased new books for classrooms

- Outdoor Space
 - Will be installed in March near the Butterfly Garden (more update expected nearer to installation as to whether school representatives will need to be onsite)
 - Includes wooden platform with picnic table
 - School would like an outdoor whiteboard (FUNDING REQUEST)
- Volunteer Needs
 - Lunch monitors
 - EPAs
- Lunches
 - Lunch Lady operating (15 to 20 lunches per day)
 - Pizza lunches (Domino's) on hold
- Halifax Youth Foundation Grant
 - Support for newcomer families
- Healthy Schools Grant
 - Support for mental, physical health and wellbeing
- Primary/Pre-Primary Registration
 - Registration takes place in February
 - Registration will be online
 - School will send out email

- **Updates**
- Valentine's activities on hold until more information about what will be permitted

- **Fundraising**
- Limited fundraising activities to date due to Public Health related restrictions
- PTA may target fundraising for the outdoor whiteboard (goal to raise \$3,000-\$4,000)
- Some discussion about potential fundraisers:
 - 50/50 draws
 - Rain barrel raffle
 - Spring Frolic (on hold until further information is available on what will be permissible)
 - Request for ideas for other, online-based fundraisers
 - Possibility of Spring clothing order
 - Re-evaluation of recipe book fundraiser
 - i. is interest there for it
 - ii. ways to reflect diversity of school population (Tracy Foster to reach out with EAL worker to encourage newcomer families to participate)
 - iii. Have 70 recipes; still need additional recipes and/or student artwork to get to 100 pages
 - Coffee table book of student art
 - Vessy's Seeds
 - Dieleman for spring
 - Branded masks

- Refundables
 - Reminder that purchases from Oliver's or Mabel's Labels raises funds
- **Other**
 - Tracy Rodgers is looking into refreshing the Butterfly Garden and finding an organization to assist with this
- **Questions / Comments**
 - None

Next Meeting - April 20, 6:30pm via zoom - watch FB page for invite.