

School Council Meeting Monday, April 3rd, 2023- Library, at 6:00 PM

Attendees:

- Brian MacIsaac (Principal)
- Bob Jepson – (School Council Chair)
- Dimple Patel (representing staff - Admin)
- Joe Lamoureux (representing teachers)
- Parker Solem (Representing Students)
- Shirin Kamal (Council secretary)
- Amy Cooper
- Chris Cooper
- Jennifer Peltoniemi

Welcome, and approval of February minutes of the meeting:

- February minutes of the meeting were motion approved by Jennifer Peltoniemi and Shirin Kamal.

Administration update by Mr. MacIsaac and Ms. Patel:

- School started staffing for next year.
- It all starts when students choose their next year's courses, so the number of sections per course will be determined and the number of sections per department and the number of staff needed will be estimated accordingly.
- Still waiting for the Board to determine how many EFTs will be provided to the school based on the number of students enrolled.
- The size of the school is key in determining enrollment, which will later determine the number of staff allocated to join the school.
- Jennifer asked how summer courses affect the process. Mr. MacIsaac explained that it's based on the assumption that the student is passing the summer course and then will continue as planned accordingly.
- Decisions must be made on whether to split kids into 2 classes or keep 1 class of 36 students and the remaining to take it online.
- Every student picks elective courses and the number of students choosing a course will determine the number of classes to run.
- The school sent a message to parents inviting them for food night.
- Social science renovation will start in Summer, already met the contractors.
- Currently working on the assessment of semester one to make things more friendly and less stressful for students and to have better allocation for grading, i.e. no more exam week.
- Ms. Dimple sent an email about ending the tutoring program but later was extended till June, though there will be fewer tutors in school, she will be sending an updated email to parents soon.

Teacher report by Mr.Lamoureux:

- Several activities going on, supporting events during the day and after school.
- There's a cross-country teacher survey is taking place to get their feedback on the structure and other matters.
- There's a lot of stress that the teachers have communicated, and the admins are working on it to address their issues.
- Teachers are gearing up for the Prom!

Student report by Parker Solem:

- D2L will be brought up in the next meeting since Ms.Bishop is on Medical leave.
- Invader Cup moved to Friday, Jun 16th so it's not held during exam season, - it's a group of 6 event where every group dresses up in different things, all fun, it's about accepting others and connecting with people, it was suggested bring students together who do not know each other but are willing to participate into group of 6.
- Sport-A-Polooza is scheduled, it's the second year that's hosted at Innisdale but it moves to another school every year. it's an event where groups have fun from across Simcoe County, held at different schools every year.
- Prom is scheduled for June 2nd, Capacity of the hall will be about 400 People, and tickets will be sold between April 24 to 27th at \$80 per ticket, Leadership group is still discussing the theme and catering.
- Hoops for heart (a donation event) is coming up.
- The staff-Student hockey game sold 300Tkts and raised \$1,000, students won! and it got on new, the raised fund was given to Kevin and his family.
- The food bank is going well, and a debit machine was introduced to encourage donations rather than just physical food donations, raised \$270 in 2 days, and online was over \$300.All donations will be given to the food bank and the class with the highest contributions will enjoy Timbits and hot chocolate.
- A \$5 car wash fundraiser is planned end of May and proceeds will be handed over to the food bank as well.

Group Discussion – Unlearn Presentation:

- Jennifer and Bob enjoyed it, students were allowed to Join, Bob said the presenter was good, but you cannot guess the number of attendees.

School Council Projects and general discussions:

- Cheque arrived for the game fundraising, it was successful fundraising with Jennifer's help, 100 tickets were sold, netting \$600. Discussion on how this money would be spent and it was decided that it would go to benefit those that responded to council's Google survey sent to department heads in Dec/Jan. Requests were made by Geography dept for a french-language globe, Math dept requested approx 10 scientific 'loaner' calculators and Special Ed dept. requested 2 acoustic guitars. Principal MacIssac had cost quotes for

all of these items and it was determined that the \$600 raised would cover the cost to purchase these items. Council members voted unanimously to proceed with the purchases as outlined here

- Joe suggested if it's possible to add a parent's council corner on the newsletter for parents so all updates can be posted.

School Admin Profile :

- Mr. MacIsaac suggested that it's better to discuss this in person for feedback
- The council is asked for thoughts and feedback about 3 strengths and qualities they like to see in the school administrator.
- 3 strategies for how the school council can support the community.
- School admin will send Google survey that addresses the desired 'Admin Profile' competencies to gather input and make the completion of same by council members more streamlined ahead of May meeting Profile will be completed at May meeting
- Then all will be forwarded to the superintendent for future reference.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, seconded by Jenn.

Next meeting:

Monday, May 1st.

Thank you, everyone, for joining!