

Janet Theunissen – Welcomes everyone & land acknowledgement.

Present:

Janet, Karen, Nikki, Lara, Heather McInroy (teacher rep), Andrea Kwok (VP), Malini Hyland (Principal), Bonnie, Stella, Kate, Lindsay. 4 participants joined online (Sareh, Maya and 2 others but I couldn't read the names).

Admin update:

Malini: enjoying the welcome and participation at curriculum night.

Heather will share opportunities for students.

Staff are working on PD for working with children with special needs and reading interventions.

October 6 PD Day will focus on equity issues.

Malini will be addressing racism, bullying and issues with phones and social media. Teachers will be giving lessons in the classroom, and she is worked with Glen Ames to book Paul Davis to speak with the grade 6, 7, and 8s. She will share the Ted Talk and resources from the speaker with the Williamson Road caregivers. The school social worker (who is shared with several TDSB schools) will also come for the talk.

Andrea: is helping as the teacher librarian this year. The Scholastic book fair is on November 13-17. It will be open to parents before and after school on November 15 and 16. Scholastic fundraisers provides a credit for the school to use.

Progress reports will go home with students on November 15.

Heather: Cross country practice has started and it's open to grades 1-6. Grades 3-6 have a meet at Sunnybrook on Tuesday, October 10 (after Thanksgiving). Grades 1 and 2 will have a fun run at Pantry Park, but the date is TBD.

Soccer has started there is a tournament for the 4/5s on October 4 (unless it rains).

Soccer has also started for the grade 6 students.

Flag football

Terry Fox happened last week, and the students ran around the track. We are not sure if the fundraising goal has been reached until Frances returns from the grade 6 trip.

Mr. Bowers and Ms. Snider will be holding choir practices for the junior students (juniors are grades 4, 5, and 6) soon on Wednesdays, and she is doing Swifty Tuesdays where you sing along to Taylor Swift songs.

Ukelele will be on Thursdays. Choir for the primary students (grades 1, 2, and 3) will start in November and it occurs over the lunch period (more info to come).

PALS – are older students trained in recess games and conflict resolution strategies who help lead games with younger students.

Learning buddies are classroom helpers and sometimes help with jackets and reading with the kindergarten and lower grades.

4 square – teachers had a version of 4 square and activities to setup. The back pavement in the school will be painted and there will be 4 square, hopscotch, mazes and another teether ball added soon.

There is no yearbook committee or yearbook.

Playground update? – No proposal has been sent from TDSB to the school yet. Malini has led another playground project and has reached out to the TDSB staff that work on playground updates. Fundraising will occur closer to the project start date.

Rooms without windows – what can we do? The windows will not be completed until late December. Malini has had professionals in to test the air quality and has been ensuring the construction staff are keeping children safe during the project. In the meantime, plants are allowed in the classroom to help create a nicer space and assist with improving the air quality (which has been tested as safe). Classrooms are allowed to have extra outdoor time and learn outside of the classroom. When children move to other classes for gym, music, library, etc. they are often in rooms with windows.

The fence in the back of the lower yard needs to be replaced. All but one house has responded, so Frances and Malini will knock on their door to get sign off and then go forward with that project.

Dogs on school property defecating, being off leash, biting, etc. The signs that were purchased last year were torn down. Malini will send a reminder in her email.

Janet: announced new members.

Regrets from Carla (Ward Rep), and Sarah (Secretary).

Janet (Chair)

Lindsay (Co-chair)

Nikki (Treasurer)

Kate (Parent rep)

Stell (Parent rep)

Simon (Parent rep) / playground committee

Simon had created a website for the playground and Malini asked if she could be sent the link.

The bank balance is \$52,000. The next SAC meeting on October 17 will be the funding allocation. Staff will send in their requests. Past funding has gone to projects such as the school musical, laminators, robotics, amount per teacher for consumables, scientist in the school, Willy Reads, performances, etc. We like to allocate all funds in the meeting, but other requests may come during the year and they can be voted on, if need be, by committee members after October 17.

Council Events:

Pizza lunch (starts Oct. 3 and is every other week)

Council is looking to provide some additional special lunches from Subway and Hero Burger and would appreciate any parent volunteers who want to lead this effort.

Fresh from the Farm is another fundraiser that will be available soon. You will have the opportunity to purchase 14lbs of vegetables for \$18 and apples for \$24. The purchases could also be donated to food banks if you want to support the fundraiser but don't want the produce.

Parent social (date TBD, Lindsay to coordinate)

Movie night (dates TBD, Kate and Karen to coordinate) – thinking of holding 2x options, one for Juniors and one for Primary. Likely will have a vote for the movie. Adult supervision required.

Graduation – will need grade 5 parent volunteers.

Willy Reads – Read-a-thon (use Google form this year for tracking).

Bike Rodeo for kindergarten kids (Bike Safety and Parents come to watch)

Junefest (June 6, 2024) Thursday evening after school before the PA Day

Textile Drive

Cookie sales

Can the Willy grade 6 sweaters be given at the beginning of the year instead of the end? Everyone thought that was a good idea.

Dance-a-thon – DJ Mike, this was a fun event last year that will be covered by SAC as it's reasonable and lots of fun

Jungle Sport – 2 weeks to enable all classrooms to participate. The Glen Ames gym will be transformed.

Lice issue – should we charge \$2/student for nitwits to come in and check for lice / provide information. They come 3x during the year. There is an opportunity to purchase a metal comb through them.