

DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting called to order by ERIN at 6:32pm

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Dee Campbell, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron

Amy approves March minutes. Seconded.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Improvement Plan

School Goal: ***“Connecting Strategies - We make regular meaningful connections with students, colleagues, families, and the community”***

We are asking staff to try one of the 3 strategies:

- 2x10
- Co-regulation
- Community circle (inspired by restorative justice) - community & communication, belonging, feel safe and loved, fill the classroom and the school with student voice

-circle practice can also be used to serve academic, social and emotional, and reflective purposes with our students.

We hope to see...

- An increase in school attendance
- Greater cooperation and harmony among students
- A reduction in student behavioural difficulties and required interventions
- A reduction in office visits, suspension, and other punitive consequences
- Increased academic scores, especially among marginalized students
- Overall atmosphere of greater mutuality among students and educators

More on this [here](#).

Climate survey: Students will be engaging in a student climate survey in grades 4 to 6. This is an opportunity for students to share with our staff ways to improve their learning and well being. They will be given a series of questions and provide their feedback and also what they would do to improve the situations such as belonging, behaviour and learning expectations. Student voice is showcased and can definitely navigate the changes that we put forward in the current school year and will extend into the new school year.

Changes to masking guidelines:

Staff/Students/parents have a choice now. We are encouraging respect and understanding for all our students and staff at this time. We discuss on our morning announcements that we must respect the choices that students make and if students are not feeling comfortable to let a staff member know how they can help.

Parents' entry into building is still only as-needed, and this has been communicated to families. As changes occur, we will let the community know. However, parent visits will as usual be scheduled, it will not be parents walking down to classes as (integrity and confidentiality is maintained and honoured).

School Council meetings will remain virtual at this point.

School Council can organize outdoor events - more information will be shared re: what that can look like.

EQAO update

Staff are familiarizing themselves with the online platform & universal accommodations (extra time, headset, text to speech software)

-IT training currently taking place for all gr 3 & 6 students and staff

May 30- June 2 Grade 6 EQAO writing dates (with June 3rd as a make up day)

May 16 - 19 Grade 3 EQAO writing dates (with May 20th as make up day)

Other (usual) updates

School spirit day - earth day (april 22 - blue and/or green)

-COURAGE is our next Bulldog Core Value

April is the month of Ramadan & Autism awareness

-Raise the Flag, blue ribbon on kinder fence

-prayer room and fasting rooms

Business Improvement Association: cheque for \$500

Email this address for a charitable receipt: charitabledonations@ocdsb.ca

Follow up:

Chalkboards - let us know when you would like them to be hung and they do need to be here in the building and that carpenters can hang them for us.

Scholastic Book Fair - First week in May, managed by teachers

MARIANNE - TEACHERS' REP

Reports that breaking cohorts is having a positive impact on students' psychological well-being.

Popcorn Days to begin after Ramadan. Marianne is buying from Papa Johns. The profit will cover 6.5 *Scientists in Schools* workshops. The rest will be paid by School Council.

FUNDRAISING

AMY: 146 pizza kits were purchased. The amount raised by the event is approx \$800. There will be two raffles. Erin will pick up the kits to save a \$75 delivery fee.

AUCTION: items are at Troy's house.

SANDRA: Todd at Freshco asked if School Council would nominate him for a community award. We agreed to, as he has been very supportive of BCPS.

Todd, on behalf of the Bells Corners BIA, is hosting a parking lot concert on Aug 14. He will include fundraising for BCPS.

GRADE 6 LEAVING CEREMONY

- Can we get any free things to help out?
- Royce suggested selling lawn signs instead of giving them for free. Board agrees that makes more sense. Signs won't be wasted on families who don't want to display them.
- Amy has a printer contact.
- Dee has a printer contact
- Last year there were t-shirts for the grads

7:23pm - Meeting adjourned