**SCC Meeting Notes**

**11-08-2023**

**6:00 pm**

**Present:** Shannon Robertson, Beth-Anne Lamb, Brittany Nahorniak, Jessica Wood, Jennifer Iacob, Miao Zhang, Angelos Spingos

**Approving previous Minutes:**

We approved the minutes from the last meeting in October. Brittany motioned to make a change in the previous minutes, changing the treasurer from Arlene to Jennifer. Angelo seconded the motion and Ms. Robertson sent the update minutes to Angelo via e-mail.

**Principal’s Administration Report**

* + Staffing updates: Ms. Padashi and Ms. Raprashaud are going on leave.
	+ Progress reports are going out on November 15
	+ Parent-teacher/student interviews are held on November 16 and 17
	+ Communication with school – first line of contact should always be with the teacher
	+ School Cash Online – there is a slow roll out; field trips are implementing now, and eventually it will be implemented for Pizza lunches.
	+ Overflow situation at NDPS – Principal met with the planning department.
		- No new school is being planned yet to relieve the pressure.
		- Enrolment – families with older children already in NDPS are prioritized.
* Traffic Safety

·       Ms. Robertson counted how many students cross on a given day at Pilgrim and Northern Dancer and it is around 80 to 90 students. When you factor in the parents, it’s around 160 people.

·      Ms. Robertson informed the Board and also emailed both Oshawa councillors

·      By-Law officers are giving out a lot of tickets

-Vulnerable Sector Check – please bring the letter from the Durham Police to the office.

Happenings around school

* Spirit Week was fun.
* Remembrance Day artwork on display
* Still difficult to host parents and families for assemblies – there is not enough room.
* The school is planning some “Rah-Rah” assemblies this year – it will be student-run as the student volunteers will be doing the planning.
* New language curriculum – grades 1 to 9 – more focus on phonological awareness, spelling patterns, and letter-sound relationships.
* Winter Concert – will be held in February
* Mr. Hoogsteen is planning an Arts night in Spring.
* Labour negotiations for ETFO teachers are still ongoing – there is no contract, so a strike at some point is still a possibility.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* + $402.17 – refund from the chocolates, is in the account.

**Fundraising Update**

* + Booster Juice: we will need some distribution help and a couple of members of the SCC have volunteered to help. They will be delivered at 11:15 am. 50 students have ordered for the first date.
	+ Baskets – Jennifer’s friend couldn’t accommodate. We will explore the idea of doing some sort of baskets for the Winter Concert in February. Ms. Robertson will ask the Kindergarten teachers to see if they are planning any basket fundraisers so that we don’t overlap.
	+ Holiday Gift Wrapping. Brittany offered to spearhead this initiative with a tentative date of Wednesday December 13, 2023. We need to settle on a time (from 3:00 to 6:00 pm maybe?), price points and perhaps see if we can get donated wrapping paper.
	+ Goals: perhaps a Fun Fair, but we need more parents to be engaged.
	+ We can try to get more parents attending SCC Meetings by handing out flyers perhaps.
	+ NDPS is taking steps to engage more on social media.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Dates of future meetings: usually 1st Wednesday of the Month:

* Dec. 6, (no meeting in January), Feb 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, (no meeting in June)