

## SCC Meeting Notes

10-04-2023

6:00 pm

**Present:** Shannon Robertson, Beth-Anne Lamb, Brittany Nahorniak, Arlene LeBlanc, Jessica Wood, Jennifer Jacob, Miao Zhang, Ronak Radfar, Angelos Spingos, Samik Mallik

### Welcome & Introductions

Executive Elections – Positions Acclaimed

Chairperson: Brittany Nahorniak – possible co-chair to come

Treasurer: Arlene LeBlanc

Recording Secretary: Angelos Spingos

#### 1. Principal's Report – Shannon Robertson's Notes

##### • Administration Report

- Overflow at Northern Dancer
  - All new students in the area are registered at another school and bused there
  - This will be the case for this year; will have an update in the spring for next year

##### • Community Safety

- Walking is the best!
- families are asked to follow the rules of our Drive n' Drop
  - Follow the direction of staff
  - Very unsafe to stop anywhere that is not along the curb
  - Unsafe to walk with children through the parking lot
  - Walk on the pathway, don't cross traffic
  - Be patient and wait until car is beside the curb
  - Alternately park on side streets
- Families are also asked to use crosswalks to cross the street and follow the direction of the crossing guards
  - There is a lot of traffic; we don't want anyone hurt; do not jaywalk

-Vulnerable Sector Check - required for all volunteers

- letter from school lowers the cost
- on file for three years

Happenings around school

- Hired two teachers this month to ND - Mrs. Gardner (Gr. 2) and Ms. Jagnandan (Gr. 8)
- Flag Football, Cross Country
- Trips to farms in grades 1 and 2

## 2. Angelo's notes

### a) School Community Council business

- We met quorum (half of the SCC – minimum 4 people)
- Student council will include Angie Sherlock (the secretary of the school), Ms. Paterson (a staff member at the school);
- Chair / Co-chair – Brittany
- Secretary – Angelos Spingos
- Treasurer – Jennifer
- Treasurer's report – Zero dollars in bank account!
- When should we have meetings? At least four times a year. We will stick with Wednesdays at 6 pm, will try to do in-person, but can do virtual if bad weather.
- Next meeting: Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 6 pm, at the School.

### b) Angelo's notes on the Principal's report

- Northern Dancer has reached maximum capacity – overflow situation – new kids have to be registered in another school if they don't have siblings in the school.
- There is a class in the staff room for the entire year (grade 4/5)
- 16 portables – city by-laws will not allow another portable
- The traffic in the parking lot is smoother in the mornings as the Principal has implemented a plan (see Principal's report above for more details)
- Northern Dancer and Pilgrim Square – still no stop sign, crosswalk, or speed bump – potential hazard. Hopefully we can get a Traffic review from DDSB.
- Also, we can raise the issue with the local councillor.

### c) The SCC's mission / fundraising ideas

- We floated some fundraising ideas such as: a one-day fundraiser, holiday gift baskets, dance-a-thon, Fun Fairs;
- We should form a committee to start early planning for the holiday gift baskets. I believe Jennifer was going to ask her friend who does baskets.
- The holiday gift baskets can have different price points.

### d) Other goings-on at the school

- Halloween will be Spirit Week / Hero day
- February winter concert for the primaries – no word yet if other grades will get a holiday or winter concert – capacity is an issue. Might use a high school for the winter concert.
- Celebrate of the arts will be organized by Mr. Hoogsteen.
- School cash online is coming, but we don't know when.

- Pizza Wednesdays is a money maker for the school as around 500-550 slices out of 950 kids are sold each week.
- Members brought up ideas for another lunch during the week – perhaps a pilot program for Booster Juice Fridays – we can begin once a month and see how it goes. Ms. Robertson will advise.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Dates of future meetings: usually 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month:

- Nov. 8, Dec. 6, (no meeting in January), Feb 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, (no meeting in June)