

Kidston PAC Meeting Minutes May 4th, 2021

In Attendance: Erica M, Taryn B, Dawn G, Erica S, Anita L, Rachel M, Debbie C, Paul M, Gareth A, Dominic, Alison N, Stephanie, Lara P, Jennifer M, Erik N, Cristen K, Jeff, Sarah P, Melanie, Olivia B, Rachel M, Naki

Approval of April minutes

Approval of agenda

Speakers and Topics:

Robert Lee - Board of Trustees

- anticipate that budget will be ending with a surplus
- 2021/2022 enrollment is up including international students
- approval of 2021 calendar

Alison Norris presentation on diversity and anti-racism

- importance of anti-racism and diversity education in our school and homes
- increase exposure, encourage friendships, notice and celebrate differences, talk about it, expose hidden bias, be an active bystander
- discussion for starting a diversity working group/committee at Kidston school
- literary resources for children's books/ adding to Kidston library collection

* presentation will be posted on Kidston PAC facebook page

Debbie Cullum - Principal's Report

- Saleema Noon presentations, feedback from teachers after next staff meeting
- possible tracking/survey of positive vs negative feedback from teachers/parents/students for next year decision making on further presentations
- large amounts of disposable masks are being used at school , kids are forgetting to bring own masks, need to remind parents/students
- staffing notices - Erik Neilson leaving to Harwood, Debbie Cullum staying as principal, Mrs. Salmon from Mission coming as vice principal
- jump rope for heart online pledges beginning this month
- there will be a new portable for 2 new divisions in September
- principal's email for parent feedback regarding classroom preference coming out next week

Lynn Bragg - Teacher's Report

-not present

Dominic - Treasurer's Report

- highschool musical funds approx \$2000 for school
- ongoing pizza lunch funds

Other Items

- Erica S. -science center stem cell boxes, have sold 45 boxes for upcoming month, \$205 for PAC
- science center pilot sessions began this week - positive feedback from students
- Jeff S - Kal tire fundraiser update - \$250.85 raised for PAC so far
- Jeff S - teacher recognition/student involvement ideas - ongoing, looking for new and innovative ways to celebrate teachers.

- Rob B suggested Saleema Noon literature?
- Dawn G - grant awarded \$250 to promote participation in June, ongoing ideas for how to roll out/activities
- plant sale went well for grade 7 fundraiser grad
- general election will take place at meeting in June for PAC positions
- student involvement programs - create a student body/council, get kids more involved in PAC fundraising and activities

Lara P - DPAC

- childcare in schools (before and after) conversation, DPAC supports exploring this possibility
- hire carpenters outside of union to build OLS
- register for end of May BCCPAC parent information sessions

Outdoor Learning Committee

- beds almost all planted
- Landed Learning program via science center with Dunsmore/Dawn ongoing
- creating a role for supporting teachers, liaison between committee and teachers

Meeting Ended 8:45 pm