

School Council Meeting - February 5th 2019

Principal's Report - Harry was absent - Carol filled in some of the items Harry usually covers in her report.

Grad Photos - Thus Jan 24th for grade 6 and 8
School wide math activity Jan 29
Graduation dates - Essex not determined
EQOA dates - May 24 -28 - make up date 29th
Lion King - June 4,5,6
7/8's Montreal - Home on May 31st
7/8 Montreal fundraisers - to raise money for lunches while on the trip
Report cards Feb 12th
Parent Teacher interviews Feb 14th and 15th in the am.
PA day Feb 15th
Family day Feb 16th

Sheila - Essex Carnival - March 8th - 7/8's organizing activities in the school, Kindergarten will have their own activity with 7/8s - 1-6 gr. will be with multiage groups rotating between stations.

Request for Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows and cups funds from Essex School Council - Halal, GF, Vegan
Adult Volunteers for helping serve 3-5

Looking for a parent to organize lost and found - can we have shelves? Signage?
Extra hooks and benches for the 3rd floor - Carol requested through the TDSB
Google form to request funds for classroom money/programs

Vice -Principal's Report -

Equity/Inclusion Night with the school - Early April is estimated timing
Kindergarten PJ party after March Break - Inviting all Kindergarten Students and caregivers to join in reading with a Drag Queen!
OPAL - Recent meeting - collecting pots and pans - Thursday Feb 7th Primary students having outdoor play day - leadership opportunity for grade 7/8 to help organize and lead
Question about Little Strummers - Carol will look into it

Building leadership capacity for the grade 7/8's
Have had a successful community circle session
Continuing to work on anti-oppression - continuing to work with Facing History and Ourselves - second meeting with them - considering what barriers might be in place for students to feel included in the school - great opportunity to think through various narratives - one take away was how we talk to each other in the hallways - looking for more opportunity to connect as adults on how we make our space welcoming and inclusive
Girls group is starting - looking for potential on how to make a group for 7/8 girls - potential for a women march with the girls at the school.

General Discussion:

PRO - Kindergarten PJ party, Inclusion night (suggestion)
Megan to do Bags to School - will send her info

French Grant - For Carnival potentially

Cooking program - Inquire with teachers about who might be interested before we vote but money ear-marked

Vote for Theatrix - Proposed by Melissa, Seconded by Debbie and Darci

Vote for Cooking - Proposed by Debbie, Second by Darci

I am compelled assembly funds approved - \$250 Assembly on March 26th

Indoor Recess - notifications to parents if there is an indoor recess and option for parents to come and volunteer to help during recess time - would like more back up plan options

Proposed - ask families for donations for indoor recess activities - based on weather, when indoor recess happens etc.

communication for this - lego, boardgames, markers, colouring paper

Promote lego donations from community

Offer some money to school for extra supplies

Reduce number of indoor recesses

Parent volunteers to help organize bins

Next Meeting April 2nd 2019 - 6pm