
In Attendance

CSPC members: Michal Krzepkowski, Monika Mielnik, Hanna Jankowski (online) Naomi Ishida, Claire O'Shea, Jenni Cook, Corbin Tomaszewski, Nadia Niccoli (online), Tanya Bismayer Tom Milway, Maya Boyko (online), Carla Rosia (online)

Faculty / Admin: Ms. Bartlett; Ms. Horbay, Mr. Bryce

Regrets: Alec Johnston, Lane Cowan, Joanne Vella

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Tanya made a motion to pass the Minutes from the November meeting and **Monika** seconded the Minutes.

Co-Chairs Update

- Bake sale was a huge success! Lots of student volunteers from Neil and Dame. Minimal expenses and raised a good amount of money \$2856.00
- Thanks to Joanne V. for all her amazing work
- Tanya – Corbin you did a lot of work, thanks for all your efforts.

Financial Report and Update – Michal -see attached for full report

- **Nadia** – just to confirm, Chromebooks have been purchased? Bryce – yes, 15 purchased and arrived today (around \$7000 – the money that was reallocated from the Water Bottle Refill Station)
- **Corbin** – What other expenses do we have coming up? Sara – 2 teachers have booked trips and will need bussing, French novels (Grade 6 and 7), Welcome to Kinder stuff is ordered, in general, teachers are spending their money (\$300 each) and usually end up submitting their receipts near the end of the year

Committee Updates

Fundraising – Claire – Spring Carnival has a working committee of 8. Main food vendor has been secured and inflatables are booked. As per TCDSB policies we are no longer allowed to do raffles as those require a gaming license. We usually make around \$2600 from the raffle baskets. Maybe we can still have baskets, increase the carnival ticket price and then give tickets away with the carnival ticket so we are not actually selling the tickets. Committee will talk about it at their meeting next week and discuss in their update next meeting.

Grants -Tanya – I have a few sponsorship opportunities that I will speak to Claire about for covering expenses for the Carnival.

DEI- Hanna – See Attached for Full Report

- Purchased Items from Ability Hive -Sara distributed as she thought they were needed - kinders got sensory tile mats, Ms. Horbay has a Wiggle cushion, Hanna – let's regroup at the end of the year to see how these items are benefitting the kids and if they are improving their experience at school
- Olympian and Paralympian to come to speak to kids for Eagles Unite
- We are on the waiting list for Roots of Empathy for next year
- Spoke with Pawsitively Pets to come and do a visit surrounding mental health (around \$775) to do 6 classrooms

- Working on having Joze Piranian come and speak on his severe stutter and how he overcame it (has 3 different presentation concepts) Claire – we have the \$1000 for the parent speaker, Sara – send me the info and we will look at it

Parish -Tom – Edge youth ministry program started for Grade 6,7,8, every 2nd Friday at the church run by Mercy Children’s Liturgy is getting relaunched at 9 am mass
 Ash Wednesday is on Wed Feb 18th and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast is after both 9 and 11 am masses on Sunday Feb 15h
 Confirmation registration is closed
 Talking about church building improvements, it is almost 100 years old so needs improvement.

OPACE – Kim
 N/A

Safe Schools – Monika -see Attached for Full Report

- Bell Let’s Talk Day has happened, Sara – kids loved the swag and the day’s activities, Grade 8’s ran the different centres for the day and did a great job
- Potential Program from Kids Help Phone called “Counsellor in the Classroom”
- Potential Virtual Parent Session called “Thriving Minds”, possibly Tuesday Feb 17th
- Traffic Safety - Corbin – I also sent another message to Brad Bradford
- Online Safety – Mr. Bryce suggested a program called Cyber Legends which gives teachers online modules to use in their classrooms. It is currently only a pilot project but his other school (Bishop Macdonell) is already using it and it is a success.

Communications Updates -Naomi

- Still trying to link parents FB group to IG but there is still an issue with the password and we are continuing to double post – Nadia – I think Becky Sherlock may have the password – Tanya to reach out to her.
- Newsletter Feedback – how should we send it out? Corbin - Once a month? – show success of CPSC initiatives and what the funds are supporting – Nadia and Corbin to review the draft and give feedback

Principal's Report -Sara

- Have an applicant for lunchtime supervisor, just getting his police check
- Ms. O’Sullivan and Ms. Burke are heading up the Art Room initiative and are still brainstorming about it
- We are getting \$18,880 from Angel Foundation for the Nutrition Program (we spend about \$1k/wk)
- Soccer field is being used for first and last recess due to supervision issues, kids are really enjoying it
- Reading club, Robotics and W5H are all up and running along with athletics (basketball and hockey)
- Bathrooms and Changerooms will be renovated in July/August (all washrooms and changerooms), designers have been here. Washroom issues are not getting worse. Will have more storage for things that are currently being stored on the stage.
- Thinking about doing a Lockdown while in Transition Drill (e.g. as they are coming into to the school)
- Hanna – can you notify parents ahead of time? Sara – yes they are in the Week at a Glance in my weekly emails

Unplugged Canada Initiative -Michael, Monika, Naomi -see attached materials

- Is a national parent led initiative to delay Smartphones and social media for kids until they are at least 14 years old
- A pledge that parents take to present a united front and build a community
- Takes pressure off kids to have or be on a phone because many or all in their class do not have a phone so they don’t feel left out
- It is focused on the issue of being online and use of social media piece, not use of phones for communications

- Nadia – is a great initiative but needs to go along with education for both parents and kids
- Hanna – overall it's a great idea and no harm can come from signing, however Jonathan Haidt (who they quote on the materials and follow his evidence based principals) may not always have the best research, just be careful of all the materials they provide
- Corbin – how is the phone hotel situation in the school? Ms. Horbay – In my class, none go in. Issues have gone down though. If someone is on their phone, the phone goes to the office and they get it back at the end of the day. Second time, a phone call home.
- Tom – this initiative can also take a lot of pressure off teachers and administration, he wholeheartedly supports it – maybe have a booth at the Carnival to promote Unplugged?
- Sara -I know we spoke about using the PIC grant for DEI, but we could also get a great speaker, Paul Davis who speaks about the danger of cell phone use that people might not be aware of
- Corbin – let's put something in the newsletter and on our parent socials
- Council agrees overall this is a worthwhile initiative

Any Other Business

N/A

Q & A

N/A

Next Steps and Action Items

Put unplugged initiative into CPSC Newsletter; **Corbin** and **Nadia** to review and give feedback.

Next Meeting: March 30