

January 15, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE	TLDSB STAFF	REGRETS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandi Martin</li> <li>• Katelyn Good</li> <li>• Linda Barnes</li> <li>• Jennifer McNicoll</li> <li>• Jillian Foxcroft</li> <li>• Paul Kelly</li> <li>• Sue Kelly</li> <li>• Mukesh Patel</li> <li>• Luke LaRocque</li> <li>• Sam Bigley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Pallister</li> <li>• Mike DeRose</li> <li>• Jennifer Richter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Welcome and Introductions (Katelyn Good)		
Review of Agenda (Sandi Martin)		
Review December Meeting Minutes (Sandi Martin)	Minutes are in the purple binder in the office, available for review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes will be emailed out following each meeting (usually within the week) and corrections &amp; comments included in following meeting</li> </ul>
Principal's Update (Jen Richter)	<p>Thanks to school council for support before Christmas with bake sales, sporting event, coat drive</p> <p>Elective forms have gone home, will start in January 30th, 3 Wednesdays in a row with inclement weather day on Feb 20th</p> <p>Community partners presented at staff meeting today about upcoming programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Warriors through Canadian Mental Health Services will be running on Wednesdays starting Feb 20th to end of school, last block</li> <li>• Tree of Life program will run at nutrition breaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mukesh suggests that for future years we could partner with the high school class for yearbook</li> </ul>

	<p>Yearbook - order forms have gone out \$20 until end of Feb then price increases to \$22, deadline to order in April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 students, 6 staff on committee, working on getting pictures in and uploaded. Kids will be the one to design pages. Staff member will go out to community to find advertising support for the bottom of each page</li> </ul> <p>Live streaming of morning announcements is underway, posted end of day in archive (link on GPS website front page)</p>	
<p>Teacher Rep Update (Mike DeRose)</p>	<p>Grade 3 &amp; 6 classes prepping for EQAO (May) in earnest over next couple of weeks - renewed subscriptions to learning apps that also have good data for teachers to use for targeted learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math: Reflex Math, license for entire school.</li> <li>• Literacy: Lexia, license is per student and targeted depending on who needs it. Hyper-focused on the steps most kids need to go through to acquire literacy skills, again with data for teachers to focus in on individual student skill levels</li> <li>• Most teachers are also teaching test-taking skills (things like proper structure of long-form answers, not leaving multiple choice questions blank), must balance this with the ethical requirement to teach more than just to the EQAO test</li> </ul> <p>New programs coming online in the next couple of weeks for Special Ed - in particular social skills</p>	
<p>Fundraising &amp; Financial Update (Katelyn Good)</p>	<p>Current Account balance: \$6,783.11 Upcoming bake sales (none until March)</p> <p>Little Caesar's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaign: January 14th - 25th</li> <li>• Order Submission: January 28th</li> <li>• Delivery Date: February 11th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenn will check to see if the listed account total reflects the \$3,000 AV equipment commitment from council or if that is still to be withdrawn</li> <li>• Fundraising campaign</li> </ul>

	<p>Macmillan's campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaign: April 1st-12th</li> <li>• Order Submission: April 26th</li> <li>• Deliver: May 10th</li> </ul> <p>Jillian Foxcroft &amp; 2019/2020 campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 325 students at GPS</li> <li>• She is the World's Finest Chocolate, Recipes in a Jar, &amp; Deli Dude Pepperette rep</li> <li>• Offers support with prizes (stuffed gorillias, some free product)</li> </ul>	<p>info sheets are in Council Binder, comments &amp; suggestions welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will decide on 2019/2020 fundraising campaigns at April meeting</li> <li>• <b>Little Caesar's update: Orders are due on the 25th, not the 28th</b> (the 28th is the deadline for the orders to be organized and submitted)</li> <li>• Katelyn needs help on the 28th counting and submitting the orders</li> <li>• Jillian left a case of chocolates as samples - Luke will include the "bring a friend" incentive in the next newsletter (bring a friend to council who hasn't been for the last two school years, both get a chocolate bar until they run out)</li> </ul>
<p>Youth Council (Paul Kelly)</p>	<p>Cecilia Campbell recognized by town council for designing the Winter Carnival button for 2019</p> <p>In the draft stage to create formal Youth Council committee in Town Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose is to hear the perspective of this age group on issues in our community, to develop community engagement in participants &amp; their peers, and to paint a positive picture of youth</li> <li>• Seeking members from elementary, high school, post-secondary school, and out of school, between the ages of 12-29 (Each elementary school will send 2 students, high school will send 2 students, with 3 members from the other age groups)</li> <li>• Expressions of interest/intent to be involved from Gordie Merton, Steven Klinck, Jacki MacPherson,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke suggested looking ahead to the next municipal election and planning more youth engagement (mock elections, youth focused all-candidates meeting)</li> <li>• Jen will coordinate with council, interested students, and parents</li> </ul>

	<p>Johnny &amp; Alyssa Ahsome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First meeting would be beginning of February - this would be a planning meeting to decide on structure of future meetings and draft mission</li> <li>• Huntsville has one but only targeted at high school age youth; lots of examples across the province (Niagara Region, St. Catharines) to draw from</li> </ul>	
<p>Parents Reaching Out Grant (Katelyn Good)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last minute, unexpected approval of PRO Grant application from last June: Creating Healthy Boundaries with Marcy Hill (details in Council Binder)</li> <li>• Dates to be confirmed at next council meeting - will be a late spring event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda suggests that we combine our 2019/2020 application with the high school (April, May)</li> <li>• Luke suggests we include Beechgrove as well</li> <li>• Amanda also reminded us that there is money available from the Regional School Council to do either a combined regional event or split the money up between councils (decided a year in advance)</li> </ul>
<p>Playground Update (Katelyn Good)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both companies have provided renderings for proposed Kindergarten and big kid yard (so we have 2 for each yard)</li> <li>• Next step is to review renderings and provide feedback, student &amp; staff voice to the Board.</li> <li>• Final decision hasn't been made on location - kinder yard will definitely not be rebuilt in its current location (under consideration are outside the gym, between the two schools, or the flagpole hill). Location will determine plans, but plans needed to build community involvement &amp; start fundraising</li> <li>• Phase 1: Kinder yard</li> <li>• Phase 2: Big kid yard</li> <li>• Phase 3: Ninja warrior</li> <li>• TD Grant application submitted yesterday for greening &amp; outdoor classroom - \$9,000</li> <li>• Kinder yard won't be wheelchair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenn will create 11x17 posters to bring to students for feedback</li> <li>• We need a formal (max 4 person) playground committee to work with Katelyn - Luke to send out request in the email list</li> </ul>

	<p>accessible but will have a transfer station, big kids yard will be completely wheelchair accessible</p>	
<p>Swap &amp; Play Plans (Luke LaRocque)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Saturday in May (May 4th)</li> <li>● Money raised to go to the playground</li> <li>● Home Depot will donate time &amp; materials for a community build Gaga pit on the day, also speaking to them to do a by donation craft build table</li> <li>● To make it more of a community event we'll partner with more organizations to make it less of a pay to play event and have free events</li> <li>● Luke is speaking to GHS Hospitality to have them take over the food tent (and we're comfortable sharing profits with them)</li> </ul>	
<p>Planning for Next Year's Council (Sandi Martin &amp; Luke LaRocque)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Constitution update (must be finalized by June 2019)</li> <li>● Roles (expecting change and creating continuity)</li> <li>● Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accessing &amp; using shared email</li> <li>○ Shared files in Google Drive</li> <li>○ Financial record-keeping</li> <li>○ Mailchimp list &amp; communications strategy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Draft constitution in Council binder, Luke can email copies out as requested</li> <li>● Luke will put a QR code on the council bulletin board to sign up for email updates</li> <li>● 2 emails per month will go out (one with details of upcoming meetings, one with minutes following meeting)</li> <li>● Will start discussing positions for 2019/2020 council at April meeting to facilitate continuity in key roles &amp; create opportunity for some training if there's likely to be a transition</li> </ul>
<p>Next Council Meeting Dates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuesdays at 6PM</li> <li>● February 12, March 19, April 9, May 14, June 18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff meetings are on the same day as council meetings, council members are welcome to attend - coordinate with Jen</li> </ul>