

## South March Public School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Nov 15, 2022 @7pm

### **Attending**

Jeff Gervais, Brooke McKnight, Megan-Children's Village of Klondike, Jaclyn Jensen, Monica V-S, Joanne McRae, Sarah Jones Tubman, Jessica Lowmore, Cheryl Allaby, Virtually – Christine Moulaison

### **Welcome** - Brooke

We are attempting the virtual option tonight. We would appreciate your feedback.

### **Principal's Report** - Jeff

Extracurricular activities start this week. Gym Club put on by Mr. Westover, and Bordenball also by Mr. Westover.

Thanks to Joanne McRae for organizing volunteers to fix up the front sign landscaping.

Principal Gervais has applied for a grant for 5 trees on the hill by Sandhill Rd.

Remembrance Day went well, thanks to staff and students, kids were very attentive. Perhaps next year parents could come and participate as well.

Firedrills and lockdown practice: 3 fire drills are complete, and this Friday is our lockdown practice. Lockdown includes: secure school, lights off, away from windows, and then resume normal activities. The first bus evacuation drill will be the first week in December.

Progress reports go home via email this week. Staff are using a new software system so there may be glitches.

In-person interviews with your child's teacher will be arranged by child's teacher (uses same program as last year).

Book Fair: Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Families will be able to drop in and shop during the parent-teacher interviews, and students can shop on Wednesday and Thursday.

Respiratory Outbreak declared by OPS, a lot of respiratory illness in Grades K-2. Parents are encouraged to continue washing hands, sanitizing hands, wearing masks, and keeping your child home when there is uncertainty about whether your child is sick.

Extra cleaning is happening in school, and reporting of illness stats to OPH for next 10 days.

Severe weather protocol: Feedback received, and draft communication plan created and handed out by Jeff for initial council review.

**Meghan Schuyler:**

Reviewed models of children's behavior; 'Third Path Approach to Learning'  
At South March, there's a new book club for staff meeting about every 3 weeks. Club is currently reviewing the book 'The Third Path'.

It was suggested to combine an educational presentation/discussion with the meeting itself, with the presentation to be held right before the regular school council meeting.

**NO COW or OCASC Update** for this meeting.

**Financial Update** - Joanne McRae

Bank balance currently \$9,586.50. Restaurant nights were discussed as an effective and easy fundraising opportunity, including potentially McDonald's.

**Children's Village** - Cheryl Allaby

Need winter clothing for the 'stash' at school for kids that need it. Clothing drop off bins will be available outside children's village during the parent-teacher interviews.

They're seeing an uptick in illness, including a case of 5<sup>th</sup> disease.

Children's Village policy is requiring more stringent controls for keeping kids at home to help prevent the spread of disease.

## **Fundraising Initiatives - Brooke McKnight**

Pizza Lunch: Is coming soon, final decision is being made on how to collect payments. Jeff has suggested the group use an independent payment processor like hotlunches.net instead of school cash online.

Spiritwear: Eleanor Neville is running the spiritwear program this year. Communications to parents about spiritwear will be sent shortly. Thank you Eleanor!

A dance was tentatively planned for December, but given the healthcare situation and high levels of respiratory illness, the dance will be postponed until February 2023.

Restaurant Fundraisers: Planning for the first one this year in December, for Penguins helping Penguins at Xmas. Restaurant is TBD.

Popcorn Sales: are expected to begin mid-December or January, it will be run through the same payment processor as the pizza lunches.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.