**WGH Parent Council Meeting**

February 7, 2023

In attendance: Shruti Sharma (Chair), Swapnil Sharma (Parent School Advisor/Grade 3 class rep), Marie McKay (Director), Chauntelle McCallum (Director), Mr. Thomas (Principal), Ms. Hiscock (Vice Principal), Mindy Francis, Nancy Kauami, Ramazam Nassery, Shruti Taua, Mahesh Varte, Chandra Kante

**1)** **Meeting called to order by Shruti**: 6:02

Land Acknowledgement

Introduction of all present

**2) Review of Agenda**

**3) Approval of November meeting minutes**:

Motioned by Marie McKay, seconded by Swapnil Sharma

**4) Principal Report** by Mr. Andrews

* Grade ⅚ basketball boys teams are competing this weekend at a tournament
* Girls will be in tournament next weekend
* Soccer Intramurals just finished. End of intramurals until March
* Alien Inline is here this week - kids are encouraged to bring their own helmets for this but shared helmets are available
* Multicultural night was well-attended. Lots of good feedback from this event. Hoping to do it again next year and have even more performances.
* Winter Indigenous event was held and was themed around the Arctic Winter Games. About 50 people attended and enjoyed the event.
* Reggio family night took place, and another one is happening next week
* We have a student being recognized this week at the Junior Achievement Awards
* First day of STEM Quest club on Friday for Grade 5 and 6
* Robotics - Mr. Thomas is working to get it up and running. Looking to have 20 kids do this, but we only have about 12 kits. Looking to get this started in March.
* Looking to hire a half time student counselor to add to the full time counselor

**5) School Survey Results**: Nazia Hiscock and Thomas Andrews

* This data will be presented to the school board in June
* Admin staff is very happy with the results
* This survey was completed by the students

**6) Update on Parent Representative**: Shruti Sharma

* Shruti gathered the information from the School Council Resource Guide and it will be posted on the Walter & Gladys Hill website
* Swapnil would like this information to be summarized and communicated to the Parent Reps

**7) Learning series:** Shruti Sharma

* Annalee Nutter has shared links with us to the Learning Series that was just completed
* She would like suggestions for other topics that parents would like to have discussed

**8) Use the ASCA gran**t: Shruti Sharma

The two courses identified to attend are

1. Tools for Effective School Council and
2. Fundraising Association Fundamental Principals

Shruti has requested that Mr. Andrews/Jocelyn look into how we book these courses.

**9) School Bussing Concern**

* Concerned about busses being late or not running, and no information is communicated to parents
* The app does not work and there is no way to check on the status of the bus
* This isn’t safe for kids to be standing out in the cold and not knowing when/if the bus is coming
* Nazia to find a contact at Sparksman for us to file a complaint with. We will have Shruti/Admin bring this up at the next Joint Networks meeting in March.

**10) Parking Lot concern**

* Mindy Francis is concerned about the parking lot - rules need to be enforced

**11) Next meeting**: March 7, 2023

**Meeting adjourned:**  6:54 PM