

# Community Schools Association (CSA)

## *Minutes*

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

**Attendees:** Marjorie Millman, Rachel Reyes, Amanda Cowan, Ashley Fletcher, Akinwunmi Balogun, Emmanuella Folashade, Gloria, Priyansh, Ewomazino Afieroho, Melanie Djomen, Ngor Chuku, Marcela Popowich

### **Regrets:**

- i. Welcome and Call to Order – Ashley Fletcher**
  - a. Call to Order at 6:35 pm
  
- ii. Old Business**

None
  
- iii. Principals’ Report – Rachel Reyes**

Current enrollment – approximately 654 students – we anticipate that enrollment will go up after Spring Break which is a trend for ESMP

- With changes to public health orders, schools no longer require student, staff, or visitors to wear a mask. The RETSD still highly recommends mask wearing. However, this is an individual or family choice. We are asking students to respect whatever their parents decide for them.
- Cohorting, physical distancing, and hand hygiene remain in place.
- With the ending of restrictions, we are looking at ways to get our students back in the community. i.e., field trips
- French Immersion students and FCC students celebrated the Festival du Voyageur with indoor and outdoor activities.
- We also celebrated I Love to Read Month in February with guest readers, Constable Dale McDonald and MLA Matt Wiebe. Our grade 7 students also had the opportunity to work with an Canadian author Tasha Spillett who is best known for her book I Sang You Down From The Stars
- ESMP recognized Black History Month in February with daily announcements about influential black figures in history
- Grade 8 students are getting ready to transition to high school. All applications for high school should have already been submitted.

- Kindergarten registration began on Monday, March 7. If you know someone who has a school-aged child who lives in our catchment, please encourage them to call the school and make an appointment to register.
- We had a very successful vaccine clinic on March 2nd. It was nice to host one after the school day so that parents and families could come in together.
- Report cards were published on Monday, March 14th. Parents conferences are Thursday, March 17th, and Friday, March 18th.

#### COMMITTEES

All committees have begun their data collection as we will be starting to plan for the 2022-2023 school year in April. We will share a draft of the school priorities with the CSA in May

#### FINANCIAL REQUESTS

NIL

- iv. **Treasurer's Report –Oluwatosin Bankole**  
\$583.49 REMAINS  
No spending
  
- v. Fundraising Report – Amanda Cowan
  - a. Bothwell cheese and perogy fundraiser – run until April 6th (pick up after)
  - b. Glenlea - May
  - c. Veggie's can't be until September (have to sign up in April)
  
- vi. **New Business**
  - **Playground presentation** – Madame Gagnon would like to give us a presentation
  - School committee wants **parent participation**
  - **Movie night?** We'll have to play it by ear but likely in September
  - **Hot lunches** – allowed for fundraiser. Boston Pizza??
    - Just need to get help, 10 volunteers needed
    - K to 8
    - May & June
    - Do we have PayPal or E-transfer?
    - Work with School playground committee
  - **In-person meeting** – we might be able to have PAC in May. Sign-up. Cap number.
  - **Grade 5 Farewell** – there will be one but not sure how it looks like
  
- vii. **Adjournment 7:07 – Ashley Fletcher**