

Attendees:

Ruweida Hassan-Bismilla, Patti Myers, Brendan Boyle, Zehra Mohammad, Dana Patterson, Jenn Penikett, Rohini Rangan, Samantha White, Alisen Richmond, Bruce Burley, Julie Cassidy, Matthew De Jong, Javiera Quintana, Jessica Dumelie, Don Martin, Gabrielle Romero.

Old Business

- October Minutes approved

Treasurer's budget report

- Treasurer explained the reasoning behind the set budget
- Council will be bringing back Magazines fundraiser

Principal's Report

- School may be able to help with purchasing some books for the D.I.E committee
- School is working on purchasing more diverse books for the library and leveled readers (book bag)
- School snack program to start Nov 1
- EQAO and CAT 7 will take place online this school year
- Student newspaper will be starting next month
- More student involvement regarding morning announcements, COVID precautions are being taken
- 2 fire drills have already taken place, over the span of the school year, 5 more fire drills will take place
- Will send email re Pollinate Toronto project to council

Teacher Rep: (Mr. De Jong)

- Spoke about the importance of the \$250 given to each class, classroom teachers need that funding to supplement items that are not covered or in the classroom already
- Teachers can use the library and can find books on diverse topics; students are also using the library to check out weekly books
- Teachers' feedback re last year's Art Card initiative was very positive, they enjoyed creating the art with their classes

Questions and other business:

- Question regarding redirecting some of the teachers' classroom enhancement funds to purchase D.I.E committee's books. Response: Teachers need that budget to buy items for their class, each classroom has different needs
- Request from parents regarding more communication around future lockdown drills

- Council requesting volunteers to possibly head online auction, and school garden (application will be submitted by Nov 1st, for the grant)
- Kimberley will be joining Adam Beck in an upcoming workshop centering around Raising Anti-Racist Kids

Next Steps:

Next meeting – November 29, 2021, at 6:30 PM.