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| <b>Parent Council Meeting – May 28<sup>h</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Attendees: Ann Kanjirappallil, Jennifer Mitchell, Branka Mardan, Nevena Simic, Tina Morabito, Ksenija Rodic, Sladana Delic, Annalisa Voskamp, Amanda Lloyd, Karen Cao, Shermean Hosein, Helene Urkulo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Regrets: Milja Minic, Chad Giroux                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Minute approval: Branka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Nutrition Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schedule provided by the nutrition program team members for Sept support needed</li> <li>- This can be circulated in June and again in Sept</li> <li>- Reported that unfortunately there are very few tasks that can be done outside of school hours – volunteers needed during school time</li> <li>- There has been minimal turnover in current volunteers</li> <li>- Noted the wall with information re: the nutrition program outside of their space – great visual and information!</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Communication</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing specifically discussed around communication although it was noted that the June 4<sup>th</sup> event has been communicated in a variety of ways which is appreciated</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Fundraising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary provided by Tina for the year</li> <li>- Purchased 60 iPads and 50 laptops</li> <li>- Pizza raised over \$8000 – this will allow the school to purchase 20 more iPads and 30 more laptops, as well as support school trips</li> <li>- Popcorn raised over \$1000 which will support the purchasing of STEAM related items such as coding supplies (lego kits already purchased)</li> <li>- Tina announced that in Aug leaders from other schools will walk through VDES library to see their set up and how it supports STEAM</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Parent Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed plans for June 4<sup>th</sup> event (stations will include numeracy, movement, literacy including ways to prevent the summer slide)</li> <li>- 7 volunteers needed – Nevena has sent this out</li> <li>- Unfortunately, food trucks are not an option as they will result in long lines and reduced participation in the stations</li> <li>- Parent council is providing gift cards as prizes</li> <li>- Fun additions such as chalk outside, music, bubbles, etc.</li> <li>- Discussed the opportunity to disseminate a survey at the event</li> <li>- Reviewed parent council table at Open House – good engagement, emails obtained from interested parents. Snacks supported this engagement as well as the draw for a gift card. Hope to establish a one drive account to continue to share documents and information to interested parties.</li> </ul> |

**Other**

- Discussion around head lice policy
- Noted that there are inconsistencies in the ways in which teachers are informing other parents. While we do not send students home the parents are made of aware of the lice noted and other parents in the class are to be made aware to check their own kids to prevent spread.
- Reminder to teachers to inform other parents consistently
- Discuss the challenges of eliminating head lice and the associated costs
- Public health nurses may be able to support by informing parents of ways of obtaining affordable head lice treatment
  
- Discussion around appropriate use of tech in classes
- Tina outlined that there are policies around how tech is used in class (must be purposeful and supportive of curriculum)
- If parents have concerns, they can bring this forward to the teacher and escalate as needed
- Further conversation around understanding of how tech supports learning may be warranted to answer parent questions

**Next year**

- Oct 8 as proposed first meeting
- Prior to meeting we will send out an email re: elections
- Will need to determine what we will apply for in regards to parent engagement event and parent council budget

**Action Items Summary**

- Circulate summary of volunteer support needed for nutrition program
- Continued work on volunteer recruitment for June 4<sup>th</sup> event as well as acquiring gift cards
- Review of head lice treatment options (and affordability) with public health nurse
- Reminder to teachers to inform parents consistently of lice cases in the class to allow for prompt treatment
- Further conversation around understanding of how tech supports learning may be warranted to answer parent questions
- Parent council one drive