

Parent Council Meeting: January 25th, 2022

Present:

Aaron West
Jennifer Bolding
Betty Betts
Mellany Alport
Julie Whiteman
Alex (last name)
Lisa (last name)

Treasurer Report

There has been no change to the Parent Council Finances.

Principal's Report

Hot lunch before the Christmas break was quite successful.

Minutes will be made public via the Collins Bay Website.
-CC Shelly to make this happen.

Staff have all received N95 Masks (enough for one month with the understanding they will receive more shipments).

Students who need them, have access to 3 ply masks as provided by the Provincial Government. One concern that has been mentioned is that the masks aren't that tight fitting.

There are new protocols for screening, symptomatic students, and positive case tracking as communicated through the weekly communication reports.

2 Rapid tests per student have been sent home.

There are PCR tests for about 10 percent of the student population and when these are gone, they are likely not receiving anymore. These are given out to students who were symptomatic at school.

There are staffing shortages related to isolation requirements, being home with sick children etc. which continues to be a challenge - including challenges finding replacement EA's. There is a tipping point when there are too many staff off to maintain a safe school environment and therefore a school must close in these circumstances. Schools are working hard to prevent the closures of schools and if it is necessary to close, provide parents with a timely closure announcement.

Some extracurricular activities have started however they must be low intensity sports, with maintained social distancing etc. No extracurricular activities have started at CBPS.

Widespread transmission of COVID-19 has not occurred within the schools in our community.

Teachers are providing asynchronous learning for students until February 1st. Some individuals may choose to switch to the virtual school until the end of the year (if space is available). Children in the virtual school are marked "absent with a reason" however if students are not participating in any asynchronous work the teachers will be able to make students "absent without a reason" in the near future.

Motion: 100 dollars from Parent Council will be donated for a staff appreciation gift for the amount of work they are doing to support in class and online learning. There are 15 staff in total. This motion was passed.

PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grants: Due February 4th, 2022

Parent council can access 1000 dollars for initiatives that connect to the broader school parent community. I.e. Parent information night on online safety or parenting book lending library. There is a focus on equity and inclusion.

- Contact Aaron West with ideas/ suggestions.

60 devices were given out for online learning and they have almost all been returned. CBPS has enough devices for all students grades 2+ to have access to an individual device.

Kindergarten registration is now open.

Hot Lunch: The plan will be to continue hot lunch's on Wednesdays to start on February 9th with the same menu items as previous to the break.

Indigo Fundraiser between March break and easter.

Olivers Labels fundraiser is now up and running- CBPS gets 20 percent back from purchases. Marketing material provided by the company will be sent out. Community members are also able to buy through the link to support the school.

Upcoming Dates:

February 2nd- PA Day

February 18th- Term One Report Cards are sent home.

March 14th-18th- March Break

Next Meeting: March 29th, 2022