

The Stewart School - Parent Council Meeting
March 1, 2021

Attendees: Tracy Smith, Stacie Dowdall, Crystal Reinhard, Cara Dean, Nikole Green, Amy Long,
Lisa Couch-Blackburn, Melissa Licari, Kristi Stead, Heather McQuat

Agenda

1. Principal's update

- Kids really enjoyed the Santa surprise in December
- Report cards went home a couple of weeks ago
- IEPs will go home next week
- COVID protocol has been updated, similar to what it was in September
 1. More awareness this time
 2. Struggles with testing at Smiths Falls, however families are finding success with getting in at Brockville (same day)
- March Break postponed
 1. Looking do to fun activities during the week – getting snowshoes for the older kids
 2. Have a staff meeting tomorrow to come up with some other ideas (snow sculpture contest, ice globes, snow maze)
- Next Spirit Week will be March 22-26 – Character Week (favourite movie, TV, book character, superhero, etc)
- Will decide tomorrow how to roll out the WITS program
 1. Supposed to have a community partner come in and do a kick-off assembly. This year will do a soft launch focused on parent engagement initially, followed by full launch in school.
 1. Suggestions for soft launch;
 1. Teams meeting with each class
 2. Quotes on morning announcements
 3. Have Juniors create a video promoting it
 4. Yard monitors could give mini pylons as reward to students who displayed model behaviour
 2. Would like Council's approval to order information pamphlets and stickers using Government provided funding
 1. Motion to enable Stacie to use her discretion to utilize budget to purchase assets. All in favour, motion passed
 3. LEADS – program for Juniors, would like to rollout down the road

2. Recess zones – Heather McQuat

- Concerns have been raised about Zone 3, large snow pile dangerous with some kids
- Stacie – Zone 3 got expanded with more flat space. Grade 5/6s allowed to go on the hill towards the forest zone.

3. St John Elementary School: Playground stencils– Tracy Smith

- Approached Tracy about either purchasing stencils that can be shared and used amongst schools, or having painters in to do all schools at a reduced rate
- Stacie confirmed playground was painted last year, but will need to be redone
- Open to looking at costs

4. Other items

- Financial report - \$1561.91 in account
 1. Two transactions this school year – trees and donation for winter recess items
- Lisa – would any classes be interested in a virtual scientist in the class?
 1. Stacie has an option that she's presenting at meeting tomorrow
- Next meeting date – April 26