

## Parent Council Meeting

January 24, 2022

Attending: Nikole Green, Amy Long, Stacie Dowdall, Cara Dean, Kristi Stead, Lea Doxey, Lisa Couch-Blackburn, Emily Verhoek

Regrets:

### Outdoor classroom

- Emily shared about grant options Parent Council could apply for to supplement outdoor classroom items
- Parent council will research and review some options to make a decision
- Suggestion of a pergola instead of more trees for some variety in the yard

### Fundraising Survey Results

- From the survey, inquiring about fundraising interest the overwhelming support was for increasing the number of trees on the yard, and improving the outdoor classrooms.
- Other ideas suggested were funds for library books and resources, subsidizing swimming, soccer nets, more painted games for the pavement, a day at the rink/field trip.
- Decided to get more specific cost information about all options and bring that back for discussion at next meeting. Can decide on direction from there, perhaps create a Sub-committee for fundraising at Stewart

### Breakfast with Santa Feedback

- The children loved the pancakes
- The kinders really enjoyed engaging with Santa and asking questions. They felt their questions were answered and Santa spent the right amount of time with them
- Things went smoothly
- Santa volunteer received a thank you card and maple syrup gift
- Metro received thank you letter for their donations

### Principal's Report

- School is back on site
- Only 24 students remaining in distanced learning
- Lack of reporting was a concern from many parents. Stacie reports the Board created a spot on the UCDSB website for COVID updates. Stacie is updating that daily for Stewart School. She is reporting on positive antigen reports, number of children who went home with symptoms and from which classrooms.
- First week of school the attestation forms were completed at about 95 %. This week was less well completed, hence the reminder email sent out today.
- PA coming up on Feb 1 (Tuesday); Report card writing day for teachers
- Feb 16 report cards get sent home

### Review of Stewart Dress Code (from Code of Conduct)

- Stewart school has received an updated document from the School Board to review
- Typically clothing with drug, alcohol logos, or weapons promote a lifestyle that is contrary to a positive and safe learning environment
- Rude or inappropriate statements on clothing is another example
- Stacie and Lea both spoke about their awareness and the importance of dress code conduct not disproportionately penalizing female students as has been seen historically
- Draft document of dress code reviewed in meeting tonight
- Some suggestions were made by parents council members under the theme of being more specific about dress requirements to avoid confusion and inequity. Stacie will revise based on feedback and send out to Council members for final review

Next meeting is Monday March 7, 2022, 6:30 through Teams