

November School Council Agenda



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Co-Chairs: Freda Vanopoulos and Alex Zych

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Non-Voting Members

Mareika Smith (Principal)

Zara Moazzam (Vice Principal)

Tania Laurie (Staff Rep)

Time	What	Minutes
7 pm	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that provides us with life. This land upon which HDSB is situated is on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of the Anishinaabek Ojibwe Michizaagiig Nation, now known as the Mississaugas of the Credit. Michizaagiig territory in the past and present continues to host both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>The HDSB is committed to continuous knowledge building with respect to actions that address and resolve the ongoing impacts of colonialism. We do this by learning and understanding the true history, treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities and Indigenous Rights while actively maintaining mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respecting and caring for the land.</p>	
7:05 pm	<p>Approval of the Minutes from the September Meeting</p> <p>Approval of the Agenda for the November Meeting</p>	<p>Moved by: Jonathan Seconded by: Amy</p> <p>Moved by: Lisa Seconded by: Alex</p>
7:10 pm	<p>Principal and Staff Report</p>	<p><u>Tania re: staff report</u></p> <p>Remembrance Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 6's social studies presentation - Concert and ceremony to be held <p>Cross country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday at Second Break - Run Club activities are ongoing, for now only the

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		<p>older kids will leave the property</p> <p>Robotics club with Mr. MacLean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday first break and Friday second break - Grade 4-6, currently 11 groups ongoing - Grade 3's can join in January - Laurie notes upgrades would be appreciated <p>Battle of the Books and LitClub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grades 3-8 participating <p>Book Fair coming up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running the week of parent-teacher conferences, Nov 24-28 <p>Crawford Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 3's in December 16 - Farmstead workshop for Grade 1's - Printmaking this week in-school <p>Halloween parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smaller group of students than planned attended Christopher Terrace (due to the rain) - Planning to go with Grade 2's at Christmas to sing a few songs - Considering potential for a broader partnership between Tuck and Christopher Terrace <p>Volleyball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girls undefeated - Boys finding their groove <p>Jr. Volleyball with Mrs. Baswick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting later in November, has had a very large turnout - Tryout dates to be announced <p>Basketball</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starts in January <p>Winter concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dec 11, Primary Band and Choir will be performing <p>Spring Concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in Grade 1-3 will perform a spring concert with Primary Choir <p>Ski trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 7-8's Horseshoe Valley ski trip upcoming <p>Krista re: Tuck Gives Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gift card collection will continue this year - \$10 gift cards for Tim Horton's and \$25 for St. Christopher's teen program <p><u>Mareika re: principal report</u></p> <p>Budget Provided report of everything spent last year Spreadsheet circulated up to year end 2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$4221 carried over from fundraising in 23/24 into 24/25 (%51k approx raised) - \$1600 (approx) pulled over from 24/25 to start 25/26 (\$53k approx raised total) - Current funds available is \$1650.50 <p>School Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to update the School Council web page; initially Mareika was expecting a new website rollout, but that has not arrived yet. Updates to be made. - Request to include School Council initiatives in the online calendar
7:30 pm	School Council Updates	<u>Freda re: updates</u>

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		<p>Freda re: Gingerbread social on Dec 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gingerbread house decorating event taking place in small and large gym to accomodate large turnout - Dovetails with Halton strategic plan of Kindness, Community and Connection - Procurement Nov 4-7 to be coordinated from Costco for pre-built houses. Efforts for pickup to be coordinated - 267 people registered - Set cost per family, but the family decides how many individuals go; 77 houses but 267 people (more than double anticipated) so more tables were ordered - There will be an option to pick up the house, if family cannot attend on the day of the event <p>Motion to use fundraising funds from Subway Lunches up to \$300 to cover extra supplies: brought by Freda, seconded by Krista</p> <p>Freda re: Connected Community Collective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First meeting on Oct 30, 68 people registered and 25-30 attended - Screened keynote video from presenter Jonathan Hagt - Discussed in groups afterward - This was an opening discussion, and there are hopes to continue an open dialogue <p>Mareika re: AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question raised re: how AI is impacting school environments. Per Mareika, it's being discussed at the school board level (there are a few i.e. Gemini that have been vetted at a board level) - Two programs approved for students, Gemini and Notebook LM, and none approved to date for staff.

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<div style="background-color: #f08080; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions focus on how to use AI in a reasonable way, and how do we design tests that are AI proof, how do we augment learning with AI, how do educators identify when AI is being used. AI is only available for grades 7-12 <p>Jess re: Book Swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 mins on a rainy day, \$275 raised - Teachers were given an opportunity to select from remaining books for their classrooms - Robin took the remainder of the books to Once Upon a Child to bring the total to \$335 <p>Jess re: Clothing Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Parent Coffee due to unpredictable weather, just a clothing drive this time. - Youth, teens and adults; warm clothes - Ripped and/or stained clothes also welcome to be sold per pound for recycling - Nov 10-12 (Mon-Wed) collecting in classrooms; black top collection on Thursday Nov 13 <p>Alex re: Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday night for How to Train Your Dragon; not as well attended as Thursdays last year, but it was early in the school year - Attendees seemed to enjoy it - Popcorn provided - Date for next event to be selected in January meeting, ideally on a Thursday <p>Jess re: Danceathon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning meeting with signed-up volunteers to be set up - Updates to come in new year <p>Lauren re: Jungle Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question re: whether JungleSport is happening

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		<p>this year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per Mareika, Gym needs to be booked in May in the previous year, Mareika to confirm with Gord whether any dates were reserved in advance <p>Krista re: Tuck Gives Back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working to bring internal fundraising successes to external fundraising - Working group have met virtually (10 people) to brainstorm different themes and events and how that could tie into a framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tagline: Educate. Participate. Donate - Small Acts, Big Impact - Looking to integrate education in school with school council - Upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nov: Community Closet - Dec: Tuck Fill a Truck (Danielle) - January: reset; nothing planned - Feb: activity TBD - March: fundraising focusing internally on danceathon - April, May, June TBD - Open invitation for more participants and for ideas for community services and organizations to support - Next date, once selected, to be shared in the weekly newsletter - Calendar being updated, link provided by Mareika: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☰ Tuck Gives Back <p>Tania re: hands-on volunteering initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging classes to go monthly (no cost) to Christopher Terrace <p>Lauren re: April initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are very good at giving in the community

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking to focus on kids with different needs within the school; looking to open a conversation about it - For April, can we teach the students, and encourage empathy, understanding, curiosity? - Amy, Jenny to assist <p>Jessica re: Book Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers have been collected and schedule will be notified; more are needed - No police check required (confirmed per Mareika) - Wish lists on Mon/Tues; shopping on Wed/Thurs, parents on Friday <p>Danielle re: Fill the Tuck Truck</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5th year of the event - This year slightly different; local school has lost funding for community holiday hampers for families, so some donations will be directed there, the rest left over will be donated to the foodbank - Donations to be collected on the blacktop - Considering flyers or posters in the neighbourhood - Collection of donations for the food bank will be collected at the Gingerbread Social, and the food bank will be notified of the change - Request for gingerbread purchasing team to collect cardboard boxes from Costco - Date in December TBD
8:15 pm	Treasurer's Report	<p>Amy re: Funding updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza Day to Feb 12 (gross \$38k, \$18k after expenses); funds released Feb 12; tracking similar to last year - Sub Day Term 1 of 3 (gross \$15k, net \$3400), released end of Dec; ahead from last year - \$21k+ to be allocated in January

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		<p>Mareika re: last minute changes to pricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We make \$1.26 per slice of pizza, after prices went up for cheese pizzas this year - Subway Days, the price will go up to \$4.75 (we charge \$6), and we need to decide if we are adjusting prices - Subway Days are less effort for distribution because they come organized - Decision required for Subway order pricing for Term 2 <p>Motion to keep at \$6 per sub: brought by Alex, seconded by Jess</p> <p>Mareika re: Fundraising Wishlist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List has been created for teachers to submit requests, and anything School Council can support / subsidize has been listed - E.g. Mareika has purchased 20 chromebooks, and School Council can choose to allocate funding to support that - School incurs other costs not on the wishlist - Pizza and Subway Day funds have been flagged for this purpose - Question: how do we decide what to fund? can we ask the staff to prioritize? - There will be \$20k to allocate in January; Mareika will return in January with additional items - Small amount of funds currently available to allocate to items on the Teacher Wish List - Group agrees to postpone decision until January meeting when additional funds available <p>Mareika re: JungleSport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing has been paid - Mr. Donaldson didn't book for the coming year; Mareika to see if any dates are available from JungleSport in the coming year.

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8:41 pm	Motion to Adjourn	Moved by: Lisa Seconded by: Jess