

- Grade 6 grad and garden spending
- Art auction brought-in over \$600 and half to be donated to Anishnawbe
- Anti-racism seminar tomorrow for Grades 5&6
- Expect to end year with over \$19,000 in the bank.

Review of and Preliminary Vote on 2021-22 School Council Budget

Jeff gave overview of budget process so far:

- Fundraising has been limited this year, budget next year is optimistic about getting back to normal
- Putting Visiting Artists together with social justice for a larger budget line
- Budget income of \$47,500 with expenses of \$60,977 plus balance from Sept of \$20,000 to almost break-even at end of school year.

Julie explained voting poll – 13 in attendance eligible to vote and require 7 in favour to pass

- 100 % voted in favour so the budget is passed until further vote in September.

Committee Updates

- Outdoor Classroom – Melanie Zettler met with local parent offering to help with drawings. Hope to have done this summer if all falls into place.
 - Ms Scenna has been in touch with TDSB regarding rules & almost sorted-out. Tree concerns, rocks moved.
 - Use of stumps already donated
 - Cap for primary will be 20 students for next year
- Visiting Artists – Jeny mentioned on-line art auction of 12 classes who managed to finish canvases = \$615
- Equity – Winnie applied for grant that brought-in speaker, books purchased for classrooms, get real movement, anti-racism workshop
- Garden – Natalie indicated lots of weeding and maintenance of school garden, pollinator area next to kindergarten playground. Planters and natural benches to be maintained by TDSB. Plant donations always accepted. Always need more volunteers over the summer for weeding & watering – email garden committee if interested.
- Rotary Teacher Gifts – Julie mentioned how normally a parent collects \$ in the school yard for gifts for rotary teachers. Looking for someone to volunteer to take-on this year with e-transfers – Jennifer Starr volunteered.
- Grade 6 Graduation – Ms Mavrou noted lawns signs up. Finally prep for legacy presentation. Virtual consent forms. Making a composite photo for this year and last.
 - Michelle Lavoie – movie premier backdrop for photo-taking 6 feet x 10 feet left to school. After party for grads of virtual escape room & goodie bag. Shirts & hoodies. Grad year-end video. Time capsule to include reflections and be opened in future.
 - Ms Scenna – grad walk-through

Vote on reallocating part of Grade 6 legacy budget money to charity

- Grade 6 Legacy Art Project – vote on re-allocation of Grade 6 Legacy Art Project unused funds
 - Lisa Flood – usually a physical art project students complete in-person. Spoken word artist present virtually to grade 6s less expensive than expected approx. \$700 = People Everywhere (PEAS). Propose we donate additional budgeted funds – reached out to parent who is teacher at Oakridge Public School JK-Grade 4 with many new Canadians and lower on the LOI. Principal suggested technology purchase and/or mental health.

- Julie set-up poll to vote on motion to donate approx. \$800 left-over budget to Oakridge school in name of 2020 and 2021 grads
 - 64% in favour and 36% against so motion passed.

Principal's Report

Ms. Scenna: \$1,250 donated to us to use for eg. Good Minds bookstore, anti-racist resources to be used as teachable products

- Further \$ from Ministry towards resources and school will top-off.
- Received 25 Pro books for free
- Spent \$7,000 of our own technology funds – even though we'll likely want to lay-off on technology once in-person again next year.
- Any borrowed devices from head office need to be returned by June 14 as per email in order to reallocate them all.
- A lot of construction took place in school, painting, potentially ripping out treading on central staircase over summer eg. adding stickers and decorations that encourage learning “jazzifying” fresh crispy!
- Report Cards coming out password protected by individual school June 24 & 25 & will include room number for class placement next year and will share master list of teachers. Every step we take from a professional development standpoint will be to avoid any talk of anyone being behind.
- Retirement of Ms. Orloff and Mme Jones – 2 spots not yet hired for. Further teachers leaving Mme Dunbar on sabbatical, Mr. Sinclair taking parental leave and Mrs. D'Amico off for a year. Grade ¾ English teacher, grade 2/3 English, Grade 1/2 French immersion, JK/SK teacher.
- Residential school news overwhelming: Ms Scenna attended a workshop to help feel confident we can start right away with conversations and continued learning with experts.
 - David A Robertson author – story-telling to show history, framing conversations in primary grades around empathy, caring, kindness eg. clothing = orange shirt day, hair, language, family connections, names. Manageable to use in dialogue with children. Tempering the trauma element with resilience & inspiration.

New Business

Julie: last meeting of the school year and want to acknowledge the amazing involved parents who are moving on with grade 6 grads etc. THANK YOU TO:

- Jeny Nussey co-chair for 4 years
- Matt Gowing co-treasurer for 2 years

Jeny: hybrid learning petition against – building better schools website <https://www.buildingbetterschools.ca/hybrid>

- Ontario parent action network holding organizing meeting June 22 for parents & community members to brainstorm advocacy and planning for September

Christa Jay: Staff Appreciation partnered with garden committee to plant lilac bush out front of school to commemorate this year and staff this year.

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