

## SCC Meeting Minutes

Highbush Public School – School Council Meeting October 7, 2024

The SCC Meeting was called to order by: Grace Damian (SCC Chair) at 6:00pm

### **Executive Elections**

Chair – Grace Damian

Treasurer – Caroline Pratt

Secretary – Peter Ioannou

### **Principal Report**

#### **1. School Start Up**

- we are now a school community of 801 students
- we have all students in their classes for the year, initially we were awaiting for the arrival of 4 portables, we did have a class that was in the staff room for a short period of time, the staff were gracious as they used the stage for their staff room so that our learners could have access to windows and a more inviting learning space
  - educators have done an excellent job creating welcoming and caring environments
  - library is open, after the renovation and reshelving/weeding of materials

#### **2. Activities**

- Cross Country (Grades 3-8) up and running
- Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Eco-Club
- Student Leadership Club (Intermediate)

#### **3. School Wide Initiatives**

- SOAR Assemblies
- Caught you Caring
- Orange Shirt Day
- Terry Fox School Run

#### **4. Student Achievement & EQAO**

Staff commitment to improvement in Mathematics was realized with an increase in our Grade 3, an improvement from 65% to 82% of students being at or above the provincial standard.

Writing went from 73% to 86%, our Reading went down 2% from 84% to 82%

6 scores, marked improvement in Mathematics from 41% to 69%, we know we need to continue to work on this area and staff are commitment to using and developing evidence-based practices to best support our learners. Reading stayed the same at 89% of learners are at or above the provincial average Writing went from 87% to 84% in writing, we will review this data to see what area our students in 7 need to revisit. One area want to highlight is our students in Grade 6 (91% of our students) believe that a person can always get better at math, 93% of our Grade 3 students believe that a person can always get better at math

- letters and individual results will go home to families in the next few weeks

## 5. Human Rights' & Anti-Oppression Work

- Student voice in creation and delivery of announcements that support monthly history and heritage months
- Staff learning focused on developing culturally responsive curriculum that supports the diverse lived experiences, contributions and identities (e.g., songs, guest speakers, new physical activities e.g., cricket)
- Deepening our work and practices to support Universal Design for Learning

## 6. Code of Conduct

- it will be on our website
- the use of cell phones/smart watches at school, hasn't really changed here at Highbush, students cannot use them during the day, the goal is to increase time on learning and to reduce distractions

## Winter Concert Dates:

Kindergarten – Tuesday December 10

Grade 1-3 & Band – Thursday December 12

## Parent Teacher Interviews – November 15, 2024

- Potential for clothing drive on this date?

## Teachers Report

- Various things being asked for by teachers if the SCC can help:
  - High jump equipment
  - Battle of the books
  - Hula hoops (x12)
  - Scoop & Ball (x4)
  - Mud Kitchen (Peter will be building and donating to the school)
  - Double fence paint easel
  - large light pads (x7)
  - Rakes & Shovels (x3)
  - Instruments (ukelele) x6-8
  - Resonator bells (x5-6)

## Treasurers Report

- Opening Balance of the 2024-2025 School Year - \$15,717.61
- Fun Fair 2024
  - \$3,669.73 Expenses
  - \$11,795.77 Revenue
- Spend decisions for 2024/25 school year:
  - Insurance - \$151.20
  - Teacher Start Up - \$50 x 43 teachers (total \$2150)
  - Grade 8 grad - \$2500
  - School Bus - \$8/student (total \$6400)
  - Highbush cares – \$2000

***Caroline motions to approve Report***

- *Majority votes in favour and Treasurer's report is approved*

**Fundraising Committee**

- led by Caroline
- 3 buckets that we will be fundraising for this year:
  - Music enhancements
  - New technology
  - Outdoor equipment

**Family Engagement Committee**

- led by Grace & Lauren

**Governance Committee**

- Still being led by Peter
- Need to amend constitution to require that only the 3 executive roles need to be present for votes to pass

**Motions**

**All motions are mentioned in the above document in RED print**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2024 @6pm