October 9, 2025 PTP meeting

Introductions of the members – lots of new members joining the ranks!

Review of Minutes from September meeting

* Approved – Sarah
* Seconded – Kate

Chair report

* Thank you to everyone who is joining and returning
* Positive response from the ice cream social and the return to scooping
  + Next year will be outside if we know the weather will be good
  + Take ice cream out earlier as the ice cream was still VERY frozen
* No longer looking for secretary as Shannon Langton has agreed to take over the role
* Still looking to have someone join Alison in supporting the refundable project – Kate will volunteer or put her husband on the job
* Purchased a large inflatable arch for the Halloween dance
* Supported several field trips, will be noted by Mrs Little
* Inflatables in June are being pursued now
* Class allocations were provided to teachers
* Class parent reps – still seeking for someone for PrePrimary (Leanna said she can take this on), Chaisson, and Wells
* Website (Golden Silk) for school clothing will make the ordering process much easier, this will hopefully go live later in the term
* Traffic update
  + Group of parents looking to start subcommittee from SAC
  + Many files of concern have been made to the city (Cleary) and province (Ghallagher), HRP, and HRM
  + Will work on best next steps
    - Implement annual education
    - Light at Beech to include all 4 directions
    - All-way stops at all school corners
    - Designated “traffic calmed neighbourhood”, or remove designation in the areas before Connaught off Quinpool
    - Reducing parking options on surrounding streets during school drop off times
    - Maybe creating a one-way off Cambridge in front of the school

Principal report

* SSP update
  + Goal for literacy, math, and well being
  + List of about 7 strategies for teachers and students to focus on
  + UFLI program for P-3 classes
    - Very effective, but skills are not always transferring from the program to classroom applications
  + Computations fluency in math
  + 39% of students last year were surveyed to be tired when arriving for school, so working on habits that will help this
* Enrollment – 241 students as of tomorrow
  + PP – 22
  + P-19
  + P/1 – 23
  + 1/2- 23
  + 2-22
  + 3-24
  + 3/4-27
  + 4/5-27
  + 5/6-27
  + 6-26
* Relocation agreement change – if anything should happen and we need to relocate the entire school, it will be St Thomas Aquinas church, and secondary to Oxford Street School
* Grade 3 literacy and math results from last year are now back, and generally better than regional % in reading in particular. Grade 6 results should come back in January.
* P-3 literacy model has changed a bit, MT Burnt is working with P-2 students to assess their current status and will identify a small group of students to work with for a 6-8 week block and then reassess who she will work with in the next block. She is on site 30 minutes a day for 3 separate blocks as well as a teaching support time. Our teachers are exceptional so may not need a lot coaching, but the co-planning/co-teaching model is there for support when needed
* Picture and picture retake day has happened
* Many field trips and expenses have happened and more upcoming - $13,800 available at the start of the year for funding, about $6,800 remaining still
  + Supported learning Centre going to Neptune theatre - $400
  + Every class received $300 plus a %
  + Noggins Farm – 1/2 and 2
  + Milk Fair
  + Noggins Farm – 4/5
* There may be funds left in the outdoor grant funding, put towards repairing the garden boxes to composite from the wood

Other Business

* Morris East – Janna
  + Now available to order on School Cash until Monday
  + Pick up will be Thursday
  + Submit the photos through the weekend until Monday and the chef will pick the winner
  + Extras will be ordered in case anyone wants to buy on site, plus they can pick up directly through Morris East
* Adult Trivia – Brett, Sarah & Katie
  + November 20, 7:00pm Oxford Tap Room
  + Mr. Wells will be trivia master again
  + 6 tables plus 1 free teacher table
  + Admission gets you free beverage
  + More details to come
* Refundables – Alison not here, but there was a great showing last week
  + Next month will also be the first week, November 4
* Halloween Dance – Katie
  + Thursday Oct. 30, 6pm-7:30
  + Free admission but donations welcomed
  + Advertise the week to October 20 with volunteer link
  + Cash only event; canteen with pizza, chips, beverages, and popsicles
  + Photobooth booked, can host in Ms. Fader’s room. Cost??
  + Can we buy fruit from the breakfast program?
  + Feed NS
  + Feedback from previous year: increase canteen prices; move photobooth from basement to upstairs
  + Sweet Janes gift basket with Glow Gardens pass (2 tickets = $5)
  + Last year we raised $800 which was less than the previous year
  + Will need volunteers – photo, canteen, door, set-up/tear-down
  + School costume parade will be the next day (outside in the field, weather permitting) around 2:30pm.
* School Clothing – stay tuned
* Looking ahead
  + Refundables – Kate and Mack to step up
  + Tupper Times – Lena did a great job this week, still need someone to help
  + PTP Secretary – Shannon Langton
  + Holiday Shop – Laurianne
    - Collecting items from families to have the kids buy for holiday gifts, can be dropped off to the office at any time
    - Volunteers to help sort and wrap day of
    - December 18, just before the break

Next meeting cannot be on November 11th, so will be week before on November 4th.