

Joseph Welsh Elementary School Council Meeting

Agenda – April 18, 2023

1. **Call to Order**

2. **In attendance and Introductions:** Laurie M, Kevin R, Cathy P, Kyla R, Tasha A, Lisa R, Sabrina H, Mike V

3. **Land Acknowledgement**

4. **Review & Approval of Agenda & March Meeting Minutes**
 - Approved by Kyla, seconded by Laurie

5. **Celebrations and Announcements**
 - Smile Cookies coming up
 - Swimming starts next week

6. **Teacher Report - Grade 3**
 - Grade 3s working on narrative writing and UFLI for literacy; Reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Numeracy is counting on and place value; social studies is mapping and country studies. In science they've been building bridges and learning about animal life cycles. Tentative field trip planned to the Jungle Farm

7. **Business Arising from Minutes / New Business**
 - School tour
 - Toured non classroom spaces in our school
 - CLW room - breakfast program, boys and girls groups, Suzanne is available for parents and students
 - Sensory room - quiet place with dimmable lights, etc for students to re-regulate
 - Support room - used for students needing to catch up on work, have a body break, regulate.

8. **Reports and Updates:**
 - A. Trustee Liaison - Cathy Peacocke
 - a. Cathy talked about district's plan for all schools K-8 to have a support room next year, staffed with a teacher
 - b. Comprehensive bullying plan being worked on
 - B. Admin Report - Kevin Robertson
 - extra funding for at risk grade 1 students
 - swimming, band performance upcoming
 - Plans being worked on for field trips, sports day, end of year fire truck visit
 - Pokemon Club

- C. Financial Update -
- D. Fundraising Update - Growing Smiles Fundraiser on now
- E. City Wide School Council Update - Cathy talked about the last meeting; working on plans for parent engagement.

9. Upcoming Events:

April 20 - hot lunch, Taco time

April 20 - assembly hosted by Grade 1, 1:30

May 1 - choir performance with RDO, 7:30 at Gaetz Memorial United Church

May 4 - Grade 6 orientation

May 9 - City Wide School Council, Don Campbell Elementary 7pm

10. Next Meeting: May 16, 6:30 pm