

## PTO - March 25th, 2025

<b>In attendance</b>	T. Deveau , M. Brace (Principal), K. Stobo (vice principal), R. Zwicker, M. Melvin, Ashley Everett , Katie Langille, Natasha Julian
<b>Welcome</b>	Call to Order
<b>Principal's Report (M. Brace)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SSP - Literacy - student reading levels have increased overall. We have had some great success stories for students starting the year at a lower level of reading and already have made incredible progress where they are now at grade level. Our Elementary literacy support person Anita Kent has been working tirelessly with the P-2 and now is focused on supporting the grade 3 teachers in getting ready for the May assessment. Resource teacher, Sonny Kaulback, is also supporting the grade 3. They are both focusing on writing.</li> <li>- Math - teachers continue to report success with their math fluency block. Upper elementary teachers are noticing that students are more comfortable being more flexible with numbers. Students in grades 3-6 continue to enjoy using Knowledgehook - the online math program that NS purchased the license for all schools in the province.</li> <li>- Well being - we have a well being group that is planning a well being day for the school. This will take place on April 17th during the school day. It will focus on emotions and strategies to enhance well being. Grade 6s will be leaders and teachers will also go around with their classes.</li> <li>- Art specialist has been coming in to different classes.</li> <li>- NSCAD is expected to reach out about doing a mural in the school but no word yet.</li> <li>- Recipe in a Jar - Currently sold 99 jars. Monies will be deposited in the PTO category. Will be asking PTO to post on Facebook page to promote as the campaign closes March 28th.</li> <li>- Green energy challenge - Grade 5 Melvin and 6 Tenwolde won out of 13 other schools by 1 point. They got swag and will be having a pizza party.</li> <li>- Imhotep's Legacy Academy (ILA) is an academic enrichment program, affiliated with Dalhousie University, which aims to increase the representation of African Canadians in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) professions. They came in and did some science experiments for the grade 5 and 6 students. They were a big hit :)</li> <li>- 4 Clarke and 3 Hardy - had Hope for Wildlife in. It was a great presentation and the students learned a lot about the foundation.</li> <li>- Glass lab - 5 Melvin , 4 Aucoin, 5 Theunissen and 6 Tenwolde have gone. Beautiful pieces.</li> <li>- We are doing an African Heritage month assembly on Thursday at 10:45. Classes have submitted slides and some are speaking live.</li> <li>- PD and Student Led Conferences on April 3rd</li> </ul>

<b>Faculty Liaison Report (R. Zwicker)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hoping to have Athletics NS come in later in the year (sprinting) as well as Soccer NS</li> <li>- 12 Grade 6's went to a Volleyball tournament at Woodlawn high last week. They will have attend another tournament in mid May at Auburn High</li> <li>- The Wanderer's Soccer Club came in and did some workshops with the classes.</li> <li>- Ms. Aucoin runs indoor soccer sessions for grade 5 &amp; 6s.</li> <li>- Skipping continues and is a big hit.</li> <li>- Track meet expected to happen in May</li> <li>- Field Day will be held in June (possibly June 12th)</li> <li>- Dalhousie Science is coming in to 3 Hardy for a presentation on Invisible Forces, and had a Gaelic presentation this week</li> <li>- 3 Hardy is looking for contacts with Shauntay Grant for potential virtual or In-person meet</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report (M. Melvin)</b>	<p>\$3282 current balance</p>
<b>Event &amp; Fundraising Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storage refund \$500+, thanks Katie for storing belongings</li> <li>- BINGO Fundraiser- met last week- have determined who is doing what</li> <li>- North Brewing, Sushi 101, Palladium, Oxygen, and other local business donations, including paint, basketball tickets, autographed hockey stick, grocery stores for prizes and monetary donations</li> <li>- Themes- each class will have a theme to collect items or small denomination gift cards</li> <li>- Baskets are - sports, movie night, date night, game night, relaxation, coffee/tea/home, cooking/baking, art, summer, car theme</li> <li>- Grand prize is \$150 hotel voucher and \$100 sushi gc</li> <li>- Need more bingo cards</li> <li>- License for bingo and for 100 board</li> <li>- Canteen- water, chips, chocolate bars all for \$1</li> <li>- Asking Dave to be the bingo number caller</li>   <li>- Raffelbox license</li> <li>- Winner announced at the BINGO</li> <li>- Remember to add qr code at the BINGO for last minute sales</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring Fair Planning- rentals (bouncy castle)</li> <li>- Contacting Superior Propane for bbq's, propane, etc for Spring Fair</li> <li>- Finding BINGO card distributor</li> <li>- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser to sell at BINGO</li> <li>- Secretary Position is open</li> <li>- Teacher Appreciation Week</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	<p>April 22,2025 with a subcommittee meeting before the BINGO</p>