



CSPA MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, November 17th, 2021

- Updates from Director & Principals
 - Dalia Eisen (DE):
 - good so far re: covid (no classes shut down)
 - report cards in the mail end of term, receive them when Dec. break starts. Feel free to contact the teacher to discuss any questions/concerns.
 - Amy Fuller (AF):
 - Remembrance Day assembly had visitors from the military to share personal stories. Video available in Friday's newsletter.
 - Please email any questions you have for vaccination webinar to AF in advance. Webinar will also be recorded for viewing afterward.
 - Gr. 6 is organizing a YPT (Young People's Theatre) virtual performance in December. Might be an option for other grades depending on how it goes.
 - Kristin Campbell (KC): we held a remembrance day ZOOM assembly where students got to share journals and sing in an age appropriate manner.
 - Huge thank you to parents who helped with the book fair. Kids were really excited and enjoyed having a special event to attend
 - Katie Maalouf: teachers appreciated the books for their class and the lunch provided by the parents!

- Junior Play Structure:
 - PS: seems to be roped off. Is there a reason kids are not allowed to use it? What alternatives are there?
 - DE: Kids weren't using it when it was installed. Can't be moved to the other side due to distancing requirements from other equipment. Could be removed from the company that installed it perhaps. Will look into it further.
 - Do we want to replace it with something else? Most of the cost is for the installation and similar concerns about digging/structures in a floodplain area will arise for any new item installed.
 - We will check back with Mr. Greenacre's ideas who is not in attendance

- New Sport Court Update – additional equipment for recess needed?
 - DE: We are not able to use the sport court yet due to concern about possible root damage despite school's reassurance from our arborist that there were no trees or roots impacted. Waiting for final approval from the public officials.

- Past Initiatives - Recap

- o Crestwood Cares :
 - (PH) Patricia Hektor (past principal) and Alison Waldenberg (parent) are heading this.
 - Completed initiative: ‘Share your Smiles’ charity started by students delivered baskets to homeless people and indigenous women's shelter. 12 bags donated with essential care items. Thank you to parents for donating items and money online.
- o Used Uniform Sale :
 - Was run by Someyah (parent) for years and did a fabulous job again. Thank you! A great turn out and raised about \$57,000. Lots of clothes sold but lots still available for spring sale. Every donation gets washed and some are in great or new condition.
- o Book Fair – donations to classes from CSPA
 - Thank you to Hayley and other parents who volunteered. Raised over \$18,000 from in-person and online sales. Amazing results.

- Upcoming Initiatives

- o Crestwood Cares - Haiti
 - VISIT: <http://hashaiti.org> regarding a 200 bed hospital and community medical outreach organization in Haiti that could really use our support.
 - Suggestion for donating through a “Skip It” initiative. Students donate money that would otherwise have been spent on the item/outing you skipped out on.
 - AW has a personal connection to someone partnered with this hospital to help with providing stability to Haitian people (clean water, education, etc..).
 - Virtual assembly will be set up with staff from the hospital mid way through the fundraising campaign.
 - Fundraising from Nov 24th -Dec 13th.

- Afterschool Clubs/Sports – Update

- o Will there be skating in December for Junior or in January for JK-3?
- o Kids are loving the activity
- o DE- not sure. Sherri Brenzel has an Athletic Directors meeting coming up with other schools. So More info to come.

- Covid Protocols

- o Holiday return to class protocol: DE recapped earlier email regarding leaving the country: Any unvaccinated child has to quarantine for 14 days (mandated by public health). School starts on Tuesday Jan 4th. The earlier you return, the less school your child will miss. Online and in person hybrid teaching scenario is very challenging which we are prepared to offer for two weeks but not after that.
- o Rapid Testing: if a child shows symptoms they will get a kit to take home..not every child will be given one.
- o 5-11 age group: DE says she can't make it mandatory to get the vaccine but hopes parents will get their kids vaccinated. Hopefully the webinar will answer your questions.

- Speed Bumps:
 - o Concern about the bump at the rear by the river which hits the car. It has since been removed!!
 - o DE: many users of the road are not school related and it is a safety issue if they speed through. Bumps are aggressive but they serve a purpose to.
 - o AF: it is a Glendon property.

- Other Items for discussion/concern
 - o AF: Thank you to Mr Greenache for the ipad pick up system..he coded and created the system inputting all the kids names himself. Makes for less noise in the halls and classes. Walkie talkie chatter was tough to deal with. Kids appear less stressed at pick up now.
 - o During pick up time (3:15-3:45) kids are being dismissed almost every two minutes so TV time is used in the primary building especially so teachers can help each kid get out the door. Are there other activities that can be offered at this time or is this what parents and teachers are good with?
 - o DE: New Grade 5 program this year called "I Heart"
 - PH discovered this program in England which provides mental health education to kids. Teaches them how the psychological system works. <http://iheartprinciples.com/>
 - PH obtained certification (one of 2 teachers in Canada) to work with the kids in class on this program. Right now it is available for ages 9-12 but since Grade 4's already have Project Give Back (learning about a charity of their choice) which takes up class time, we will offer it to Grade 5's, and may be able to offer to Grade 6's in the last term after we see how it goes.