## Greendale Parent Advisory Council February 10, 2021 7:00 p.m. Minutes

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Approval of the Agenda Nicole & Andrea
- 3. Treasurer Report
  - a. Not much to report
  - b. Still waiting for Jim's Pizza cheque to come out from December
  - c. Still waiting for funds from last hot lunch to be finalized
  - d. No real movement of funds at this time
- 4. Presentation re: Integrative Arts & Technology Choice Program at A.D. Rundle
  - a. Principal Scott Wallace
  - b. Sal Sharp Vice Principal
  - c. Choice program started with 90 kids between grades 6-8 this year
  - d. Registration began Feb 1st
  - e. Kids from all areas of the district are registering
  - f. Follows the curriculum with a different way of learning
  - g. Not every district has this stream of learning and we are lucky to have this program
  - h. FG Leary remains the Fine Arts Elementary School and are opening up more spots for students
  - i. Four Pillars
    - i. Art Integrated Disciplines, takes the core subjects and adds a creative element
    - ii. Authentic Learning, project/inquiry based learning
    - iii. Collaborative Learning, working with groups and learning to work with everyone
    - iv. Visionary Staff, have come from outside the district and all have experience in arts in tech and specialized programs/subjects
  - j. The objective is to build skills that they can take with them and move their learning forward
  - k. Grade 7 & 8 currently at capacity but parents can register to be placed on a wait list
  - I. F.G. Leary students are automatically given a spot to transfer to the school for grade 6
  - m. Multi Graded Classes
    - i. Students all work together throughout the 3 age groups
  - n. Imagine High completes the transition opening this fall
  - o. Separate building from the main A.D Rundle Middle School but the two schools share spaces
  - p. Best for students who like to work with a group and collaborate and have an interest in art and technology. Students do not have to be great artists and sculptors to attend
- 5. Reports

- a. Chair
  - i. It's been cold and the students have been staying inside for breaks
  - ii. It has been quiet at the school
- b. Treasurer moved to top
- c. Parent Education
  - i. Family Smart In The Know Session
    - 1. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
    - 2. Requires registration
    - 3. Covers eating disorders
- d. Emergency Preparedness
  - i. Nothing to Report
  - ii. Would like to organize a blanket drive in the future
- e. Fruit & Veggie Program
  - i. Feb 8th kids received Apples
  - ii. Mrs. Holtby is helping to hand things out
  - iii. Next one, Gala Apples on March 1st
- f. School Lunch
  - i. Jims Pizza Feb 12th
  - ii. Nothing further planned before Spring Break
- g. DPAC
  - i. Learning from home program ending at spring break
  - ii. BCPAC has communicated that there is funding to continue the program until the end of June of this year
  - iii. Noel has not heard anything regarding this funding
- h. Community School
  - i. Nothing to Report
- i. Principal
  - i. Life continues on at Greendale
  - ii. Enhancements have been made to the safety protocols within the school to follow the current updated guidelines
  - iii. We have been very lucky thus far and have had no exposure events
  - iv. Trying to keep morale up in the dull days of winter
  - v. Reports cards coming out before spring break
  - vi. This Month's Virtue is Respect but also covering Kindness
  - vii. Early Dismissal tomorrow
  - viii. Family Day Monday Feb 15th
  - ix. All the Valentines goodies have come in and are in quarantine and classes will be celebrating Friday
  - x. Parent has shared they have a student who has a fear of dogs and has asked if their son/daughter can enter the school in another door
    - 1. Please remember to be kind and aware that not all students may be comfortable with the dogs on the property
- 6. Business arising from last meeting
  - a. Exec Shadowing

- Latest posts have been done and posted on the FB page and in the newsletter
- ii. Amanda is next
- iii. Need to find a way to reach more parents regarding the importance of PAC members and the dire need for volunteers next year
- iv. Noel to include something in the Monday Memo
- v. Reminders to be posted regarding the importance of PAC for funding for the school

## b. Fundraising

- i. Circle Square Donuts
  - 1. Haley will touch base with Chef Darcy
  - 2. Looking to begin selling next week
  - 3. Chef Darcy to create a special donut for our school and provide pictures
  - 4. Looking at pick up date of March 10<sup>th</sup>
- c. Staff Appreciation Lunch
  - i. Farmhouse is not able to help with the lunch
  - ii. Looking at other locations that are open to options
- d. Parent Resources
  - i. Outdated books have been donated to the Rotary
  - ii. Looking at how we can catalogue some resources for parents on the facebook page or school website including videos/ted talks/seminars to parents to look at and watch when needed
  - iii. Noel to check into their share point through the district and what kind of access we are able to get

## 7. New business

- a. One School One Book
  - i. Jodi has picked a book
  - ii. Quote for everything \$899.54
    - 1. Slightly over budget from last year
  - iii. Do we use funds and cover the whole program?
  - iv. Kara motions forward to use the reading program funds to cover the one school one book
    - 1. Nicole Seconds the Motion
    - 2. All in Favour YES
    - 3. Motion Granted

## 8. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wed, Mar. 10th, 7:00 p.m. via zoom