

## **February 13<sup>th</sup> : WEG Parent Council Play Structure (In Person Vote)**

**Attendees: Steph Pieri, Arianne Richardson, Debbie Younger-Lewis, Crista Brygidyr, Caretta D'Aviero Williams, Iria Golding, Tara Beechey, Phillip Kauppman, Jennifer Clarke, Melanie Hayes, Cathy Younger-Lewis, Terri Wartski, Jarred Gerston, Jenny Leppard, Kenzie Peippo, Shannon Proudfoot -Treen, Colleen Weatherdon, Jen Lee, Gaylen Kells, Derek Chan, Amberlea Williams, Erin McKay, Awil Hassan, Dana Albright, Vinson Bachand-Odell, Dave Lemieux, Sarah McCleary, Leslie Stoddart, Bernadette Simard, Heather Douglas**

### **Administrative Update:**

**Principal Update: Our student population is currently at 445 kiddos. The Travel Lodge is now permanently closed.**

**Our kinder intake meeting was well attended, and we have 35 new registrations for JK next year. Off to a great start.**

**Kinder head count cap is 24 per class for WEG.**

**Parent Engagement Initiative: We have a mural that will be going up and the story tellers club will be displaying the central theme of their book onto the wall across from Ms. Biners office. Please come in May to see the end results.**

**Report cards will be available tomorrow (Feb 14<sup>th</sup> ) You will need your OEN number to view the report cards.**

**Virtual School: If anyone is interested in attending Virtual for next year, you can send Caretta an email but be aware that if you are interested, you are locked in for the whole school year.**

**Iria Golding Update: Primary 1-3 Lego club just started.**

**WEG needs Skates. Sizes 4 to 12 are required if you have any.**

**Winter Carnival (Feb 23) is coming up and we are looking for volunteers for a Hot chocolate station. Council will pass a motion of \$300 for payment of the hot chocolate. Motion was passed and approved.**

**Genius Hour: Grade 6s are looking for parent volunteers to help with mentoring the kids for Genius hour. Parents are welcome to help the kids in their areas of expertise as volunteers. If you would like more information, please reach out to the grade 6 teachers.**

### **Play Structure Update:**

**2016 was when WEG was notified that the kinder structure would be removed. Covid hit in 2020 and all fundraising (almost all) ceased. Officially, in 2023, the kinder structure was removed. We also learned that our senior structure was also decommissioned.**

**Currently, we have the plans that have been drafted by the school board. Plan A and Plan B are available, and they have been sent out via email. The costings that came back were a big surprise to all members of council. We currently have 110k that we raised via fundraising. As a council, we have countered the School**

**board because of the costings and the fact that they must take into account equity and the fact that their financial contribution has not increased since 2016.**

**The Board has come forward with a commitment to help but we don't know what that looks like financially. They have told Us that they will put a structure in place, but we don't know what that looks like yet. Great News and a Huge financial Help:**

**We do have a donor who will give Us 50k and up to another 50k in matching efforts.**

**What are we doing to try and get more donations?**

- 1: We are currently working with developers for donations**
- 2: We've contacted the WEG law firm for a donation.**
- 3: We are hoping to have donations driven to MiCharity from the community**
- 4: We are also starting the grant application process so that we can have larger donations in lump sums.**

**Vote was conducted:**

**Voting council has decided on Plan B**

**Unanimously, the WEG community has decided to go ahead with Plan B.**