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Valentines Day Discussion

Update from Jay Fedosoff - Superintendent

The message was never intended as "V Day is cancelled"

It was always going to be acknowledged and celebrated

The intent was to do away with economic burden associated with commercial card and candy distribution for those members of the community who cannot support - and the WRDSB supports this objective

School admin has received deplorable, threatening inbound communication largely from outside of the community

Overarching message is that communication is a definite area for improvement

### **VP Update - Tamara**

PRO Grant

- Parents Reaching Out Grant
  - Must be used before end of year
  - Examples of use for the Grant
    - School house coffee meet and greet
      - Doors open, meet some staff, get connected
    - Speakers about various topics
    - Physical health and wellness
    - Anti-bullying
    - Online safety
    - Movie nights
  - I'll start a google doc

## Turf update

- Is it possible to make it more usable all months of the school year

## Winter walk day

- Student transportation services - Planned

Transportation services runs the "Trailblazers" older kids - Grade 4 and up -

Crossing guards - regional counsellor runs this

## Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools update

- February is Black History / Black Brilliance month, and also includes "Pink Shirt" day

## Assemblies committee

- Has been meeting since the very first day back in January
  - Has been working in collaboration with Equity committee
- Staff is thrilled and excited about the direction that the assembly is taking
  - Friday February 24
    - Speaking with good purpose and Black Brilliance
  - One per month thereafter
    - STING attributes will be the focus
  - Black Brilliance day is on the 17th
    - Assembly was going to be this day
  - March – Teamwork will be the theme
  - April – Integrity will be the theme
    - Ties in Earth Day
  - May - Never Give Up will be the theme
    - Tie in with Jump Rope for Heart and Track and Field
  - June – Gratitude will be the theme
  - These will be whole school assembly
- Grade 5 and 6 guest speaker is coming in February
  - Will be prior to the first school assembly
  - Leo Barb
    - Goal for 5's and 6's is that they have everything within them which they need to succeed and come together as a group, do good, and overcome

Open house - Mrs. Tilt has started with the Drum Fit opportunity

- Other teachers are taking initiative
  - Specifically 2 grade 1 teachers for French Immersion
- Tamara has been working through UofW - free event for schools and community to come together in an organized school setting
  - There is difficulty getting communication back from the organizers
  - Would allow staff, families and communities to come together
- There is a scholastic bookfair upcoming - April, final date to be determined
  - Date forthcoming - Open to kids during the day, and also open for shopping during the day
  - Possibility for synergy with PRO grant

Purdy's Fundraisers has kicked off

- 200 physical flyers incoming
- Posters around the school
- Class count forthcoming for distribution of flyers in backpacks
- Chocolate distribution is happening from Huron Community Center

Gaga ball pit - no update, awaiting word on whether or not it has been approved

Nutrition break split

- The way it's handled currently, it is not possible to run a Grade 4 chess club as a for instance
  - Marty - Biggest challenge is related to size of playground and number of students
    - Number of injuries currently a lot - unintentional collisions
    - Too many trying to play at once
    - When we have a Tarmac Only recess (field too muddy) the number of collisions are out of hand
  - During nutrition breaks, we have shared supervision
    - We are arranged this way is to facilitate proximity (one supervisor can handle a block of rooms at a time)
      - Goes to adequate supervision

There are 2 Choirs currently

Chess club is starting

We had Junior Intramurals before winter break

Primary intramurals are happening now

Extracurricular - Ukulale likely starting

Field Trips - getting up and running, the council is wanting to help

**Votes:**

Council has voted unanimously to allow for one in-region field trip bus expense per class to be covered by council funds

Council discussed allowing for any requests over and above the aforementioned one in-region class to be decided upon by an email vote, doing away with the need to wait for a next council meeting

- This vote passed unanimously

Nutrition for learning - First order will be placed by end of week

- Mrs. Rich is the coordinator from the teacher community