School Council Meeting, May 25th

Attendees: Tina Mtshiya, Janice David, Adam Brown, Melissa Gibson, Carol Caines, Rachel Siderius, Victoria Kuras.
STA staff in attendance: Anna Gomez, Christine McKee, Ferdinand Filiplic, Nicole Stang, Dan Robinson (new principal)
Note; parents attended virtually as well.

Call to order at 6:03 by Adam Brown
Prayer
Land acknowledgement

Previous minutes approved by Vicky, seconded by Carol.

Principal Report

-Welcome to our new principal, Dan Robinson.
-School participated in Easter mass, two groups of students attended at separate times.
-German Delegation; STA shared data on student learning.
-STA had a Science fair, class photos, Grade 8 farewell, and junior high exams.
-Online safety presentation provided helpful information. A number of online attendees had trouble joining the presentation virtually. Mrs. Gomez will look into this to see if there is a maximum number of attendees.

Grant from the School Council Association. Carol is exploring different options for how to best use this grant. (The grant will be used towards parent involvement and engagement.)

Questions/concerns/comments

Questions for Admin: Is it possible that parents find out who the classroom teacher will be a couple weeks prior to school starting?
A: Typically it's difficult to provide this information earlier, as administration is still sorting registrations and making adjustments to class sizes. Many students still arrive in August.
Q: Some teachers don't send welcome emails. Can teachers be consistent with sending an email to let parents know who the classroom teacher is.
A:Admin will look into this.
Q: There have been some challenges with younger students getting from their bus to their designated classroom. Can we look into a buddy system for the students or explore other ways to help students navigate, especially for younger students.
A: Admin shared that this is a common challenge for multiple schools, but they can further look at their policies and see if they can do anything else.
Q: What is happening with the toilet paper in the washrooms?
A: This has been an ongoing challenge. Due to some students urinating and defecating on the toilet paper it has been removed from the stalls. It is now still in the washroom but not directly in the stalls. Since they have made this change, they have seen an improvement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34.