

WIN FERGUSON SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:45 Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Trish Kuhn	Shelly Romanyshyn
Sherri Prince	Karen Ridgely
Chrissy MacQuarrie	Ashton Bishop
Nicole Polukoshko	Bailey Wilson
Dawn Ferguson	
Harvey Stadnick	Jen Shea
Lana Lastiwka	

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Call to Order
	Meeting was called to order at 6:46PM Kicked off with Dawn Ferguson reading Treaty Acknowledgment
2	Approval of Agenda
	Motion by Sherri seconded by Ashton carried
3	Approval of minutes from last meeting
	Motion by Sherri seconded by Ashton - carried
4	Standing Business
4.1	COSC Update – ASCA AGM and resolution, Covid update. April 23-25 will be the AGM & ASCA conference. There is an ask to go through the ASCA resolutions at the March meeting. Information on upcoming sessions for mental health will be posted. Registration is open for next school year.
4.2	Teacher Wish list School Jersey – new jerseys have arrived – they are blue and yellow with school name on the front and number on the back – they look awesome Disc Golf Equipment – all 6-disc golf set have arrived and already being used Spirit Wear – the deadline for order was February 20.
5	New Business
	Leader in Me Update – the renewal fee for Leader in Me status went from \$1500.00 to \$5100.00 - the reason for the increase was the inclusion of 3 coaching sessions and fees are going up. There was discussion about if the school should continue with this program, if there has been no real benefit added to the program. The culture has been established in the school and we can continue using the tools (posters, language) that the school already has access to. Lana will have a conversation with Leader in Me representative to keep things status quo and that the school will not be renewing the membership. Request for 3 more gift cards to do a giveaway to help get new parents to be involved/attend meetings until the end of the year.
6	Administration Report
	Please see attached report
7	Trustee Report
	Please see attached report
8.	Adjournment
	Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM Next Meeting March 15, 2021 6:45 PM Virtually

WIN FERGUSON PTA
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ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
1	Call to Order
	Meeting was called to order at 7:53pm
2	Approval of Agenda
	Motion by Sherri seconded by Shelly carried
3	Approval of minutes from last meeting
	Motion by Sherri seconded by Shelly carried
4	Treasurer's Report
	Sherri presented the report (see attached). General account balance: \$ 10, 657.81 Manulife account balance: \$ 3949.50 Casino account balance: \$ 10, 324.15 Google form for Mathathon and the paypal is up and running Motion by Sherri \$ 75.00 – 3 \$ 25 gift cards for March, April and May meeting second by Shelly
5	Old Business
5.1	Information on past mathathon – Trish presented information about this event (see attached) – kids participate in fun math challenges – kids collect pledges – all kids will have opportunity to win prizes – fundraising for math resources for the school and activity-based math games – provided draft timelines for fundraiser tasks - Prize ideas - Hoverboard , Nintendo switch,, Insta cameras, Gift Cards Motion by Sherri for \$1000 for funding of this event seconded by Karen.
6	New Business
6.1	Country Chic fundraiser – easter craft kits – with either small or larger activities or some spring type craft kits you can order what you want – kits come already to go – order online – then pick up in the store – she will give 20% of sales back to the school. \$ 22- \$45 purchase price for the craft kits. It was agreed to proceed with the fundraiser. Dawn will reach out to Country Chic for details – proposed to run beginning until mid March – to have delivery prior to Easter.
7	Committee Reports
	Hot Lunch: postponed until further notice Club Moo: postponed until further notice Treat Sales: postponed until further notice
8	Special Events Committees
	Nothing to report
9.	Adjournment
	Meeting was adjourned 8:32 pm – Next Meeting March 15, 2021 6:45 PM Virtually

Admin Report - School Council
February 22, 2021

1. Thank you! I just want this group to know how much we appreciate you, and all you do for our students and staff. We feel so supported.

2. **Staffing update**
 - Mr Mazur parental leave - February 16 - March 25 - Congratulations!
 - Evelyn Agnes Mazur was born February 15.
 - While he is on his leave, we are excited to welcome Ms. MacQuarrie as Acting Assistant Principal. She will continue to be our literacy lead and teach class 61 in the mornings, and we welcome Ms. Taylor Hand to class 61 in the afternoons.
 - Welcome to Ms. Cara Ketchum who will be teaching in class 56 in the mornings, while Mr. Mazur is away.
 - Grade 1 - Welcome back to Mrs. Gillis on March 1, we wish Mrs. Beasley well, we will miss her.

3. **LIM** - price increase - Membership is currently \$1500.00, now they have revamped their fees and the new price is \$5100.00. They have offered us a renewal fee of \$2000.00, which will go up each year, they didn't say by how much. - discussion?

4. New Culture initiative at Win Ferguson - [sorting video](#)

5. Fee survey has received 10 responses so far. It is on the website, and sent to families in our February newsletter. It will remain open until our March school council meeting.

[Parent Consultation - Fees](#)

Win Ferguson Elementary School Fees Schedule			
Fee Name / Description	Per Student Fee 2020/21	Per Student Fee 2019/20	Fee Category
Cross Country Track Club	\$ 13.00	\$ 26.00	Extracurricular Fees
Handbell Club	\$ 6.00	\$ -	Extracurricular Fees
Field Trips - ECS	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 1	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 2	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 3	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 4	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 5	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 6	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Activity Fees
Swimming Lessons Grade 2	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	Activity Fees
Noon Supervision	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	Lunch Supervision & Noon Hour Activity Fees

6. Book Fair Update

We sold \$1815.40 worth of books which earned the school about \$400 in rewards. This will be put back into classroom books.

7. The Boys and Girls Club of Fort Saskatchewan is pleased to announce several no cost webinars for parents, caregivers and community members.

Please see below for session topics and a link to register. For more information or assistance in registering please contact 780-992-0103.

Thursday April 8, 2021 Navigating Co-Parenting and Child Custody During Covid 19

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VQxc_7zKSJuSx0xG47D_jQ

Wednesday April 21, 2021 The Five Love Languages

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A4kHrC-NQBqbE8Pkmt97dg

Financial Literacy Series

Tuesday March 2, 2021 Intro to Basic Budgeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkfuCqqTMtGd32xl7P1rILQcwE0_F1q0Mh

Tuesday March 16, 2021 Credit Cards & Pre Paid Cards

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocu2prDgoE9dZ_zUS2XKmb7vNa2pXCp-R

Tuesday March 30, 2021 Loans You Don't Want

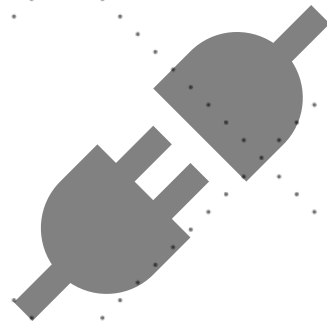
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Tuesday April 13, 2021 Debt Smarts

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpce6gqjwqH9bYnQhYRY70H_L7JbiZ-enp

8. Returning Student Registration continues until the end of February, we are an open boundary school for the 2021 - 2022 school year. We look at registrations from out of boundary students and non resident students on a case by case basis.

[Pictures around the school](#)



Internet News

Facebook to develop tools for advertisers to tackle harmful content

This article briefly discusses how Facebook plans on making changes to address harmful content.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-facebook-advertising/facebook-to-develop-tools-for-advertisers-to-tackle-harmful-content-idUSKBN29Y1UJ>

Analysis: To the brink and back on GameStop - Wall Street vs Reddit

This article goes over what happened recently between Wall Street and Reddit, and introduces how this social media website influenced the stock market drastically.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-retail-trading-funds-gamestop-analysis/analysis-to-the-brink-and-back-on-gamestop-wall-street-vs-reddit-idUSKBN2A0oNI>

Fake brand ambassador offers targeting users on social media

This article discusses people being scammed through offers to become brand ambassadors for certain products. This can be problematic for people who may not know any better. Becoming popular on certain platforms, and becoming a brand ambassador and influencer, can be something kids really want to do.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7514044/fake-brand-ambassador-offers-social-media/>

Saffron's Tips

Set Clear Expectations!

Talk to your kids about what behaviours are acceptable and unacceptable, both for them and from others online. Explain that boundaries online should be exactly the same as boundaries in public, because with 4 billion internet users, it basically is!

Healthy Relationships:

Talking about what healthy relationships look like is really important, because things like movies, TV shows, and pornography misrepresent what real relationships are like. Unfortunately they are also widely accessible, so it's important to make the difference clear.

Take a Break!

You could limit screen time every day, and do something else. Spend some time outside, play a board game, or work on a project with your hands. Lead by example! When they take a break from the screen, so should you!

Resources

NeedHelpNow.ca™

Need Help Now is a website that helps people remove intimate images from the internet.

<https://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/>



Cybertip is a service that helps report child exploitation and things like intimate images that were posted without consent.

<https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/>

Get in touch with Saffron if you have any questions!



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Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

February 2021



AHS, in collaboration with **The Mental Health Foundation**, is proud to offer **FREE** online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Lunch & Learn Webinars

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 1

Monday, February 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 2

Monday, February 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Mental Health and Resiliency Series

Positive Communication that Promotes Growth

Tuesday, February 2
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Calming Our Bodies and Minds

Tuesday, February 9
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Resilient Mindsets

Tuesday, February 16
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Collaborative Problem Solving

Tuesday, February 23
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Caregiver Education Sessions

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health

Wednesday, February 3
6:00 – 7:30 pm

More Than Just a Bad Day:

Understanding Depression and Self-Injury in Youth
Wednesday, February 10
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Keeping Scattered Kids on Track:

Understanding and Supporting Children and Youth with ADHD
Wednesday, February 17
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Mindfulness:

Benefits for the Whole Family
Wednesday, February 24
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Drop-In Series

Support, Education & Engagement Series (SEEDS)

Supporting Your Child With Structure and Routine

Thursday, February 4
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns

Thursday, February 11
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Helping Our Kids Figure Things Out

Thursday, February 18
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Effective Consequences

Thursday, February 25
6:00 – 7:30 pm



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Caregiver Education Sessions

February 2021



These free 90 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members with introductory information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth.

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health

Explore factors that contribute to your child's mental health and wellness and learn how you can be your child's greatest mental health asset.

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

More Than Just a Bad Day:

Understanding and Supporting Depression and Self-Injury in Youth

This session will help caregivers increase awareness about adolescents who might be experiencing sadness, depression and/or non-suicidal self-injury. Strategies for support will be discussed.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only

Registration

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Parent Feedback:

"I'm very encouraged that sessions like this are available."

"Really enjoyed the interactions with everyone and the videos."

"Content, delivery and duration were 'just right'. Online is nice, I don't have to drive anywhere."

"Instructors went above and beyond to answer individual questions."

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Keeping Scattered Kids on Track

Understanding and Supporting ADHD in Children and Youth

This session will discuss common signs and symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and strategies for supporting success in children and youth with ADHD.

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

Mindfulness

Benefits for the Whole Family

This session will explore mindfulness as an evidence-based way of supporting empathy, optimism, attention, and self-regulation skills in children, teens, and parents.

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

Registration

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Parent Feedback:

“Good acknowledgement to ‘real life’ difficulties – very identifiable and relatable. Thank you.”

“Kuddos to everyone making this kind of informative/participative session.”

“I ended up liking the virtual delivery more than I thought. Liked typing in my responses to questions.”

“Great program – would recommend to anyone. Great presenters!”



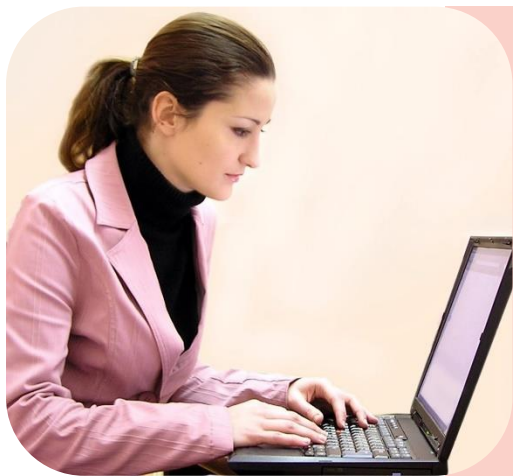
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Lunch & Learn Webinars

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These free 60 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, and community members with information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. Each topic is presented over two sessions; participants can attend one or both sessions.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 1 Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

In this session, we will explore the challenges of being a teenager, parenting a teenager, and the importance of the parent/teen relationship.

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 2 Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

In this session, we will continue to look at ways to increase communication and understanding around healthy boundaries with your teen.

Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

Registration:

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

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Parent Feedback:

“This helped me to understand more about what is happening with my teenager and some ways to help.”

“I find these are great reminders to be positive when it is so easy to be negative.”

“Fabulous Content! I can’t wait to continue joining you for all the upcoming sessions.”



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Lunch & Learn Webinars

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These free 60 minute webinars are for parents/caregivers who are looking to strengthen their child's/adolescent's ability to thrive through life's challenges and discover strategies that can help build resiliency and overall family wellness.

Mental Health & Resiliency Series

Positive Communication that Promotes Growth

In this session, we will look at how we can use the communication tool of praise to support our child's healthy need for attention, reinforce helpful behaviours, and to encourage our child to engage with others in positive ways that foster resilience.

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Calming Our Bodies and Minds

In this online session, we will discuss the ways that our bodies and minds respond to stress and learn strategies for equipping our children to regain a sense of calm and control in the midst of life's stressors.

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Resilient Mindsets

In this online session, we will look at specific behaviours and habits that parents can encourage in the home to develop a more positive mindset in their child for reducing stress, increasing empathy, and equipping our child to tackle new challenges.

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Collaborative Problem Solving

In this online session, we will explore ways that parents can foster effective problem solving in their child through empathy, clear communication, and collaboration in a way that reduce struggles when challenges arise.

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Registration:

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

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Parent Feedback:

"The speakers were easy to listen to and understand. The content was relevant, helpful and immediately applicable."

"I thought that the method of engagement was very effective. The presenters immediately read out the messages and tied it to the topics."

"All the strategies given out so far have been very helpful. They are simple, easy steps to accomplish."



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Drop-in Series

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These free **Support, Education & Engagement Drop-In Sessions (SEEDS)** are designed to help caregivers explore parenting strategies that support healthy relationships and child development. As part of a 7 session series, parents are welcome to attend one session or join us each week.

SEEDS: Growing Parenting Skills

Supporting Your Child With Structure and Routine

Providing structure and routine is one of the most effective means of promoting healthy development in our children. Learn how to use these strategies in your home and how to assist your child in daily transitions.

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns

This session is designed to help parents understand the brain science behind a child's meltdowns and shutdowns and strategies we can use to help regulate our minds and bodies.

Date: Thursday, February 11 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Helping Our Kids Figure Things Out

Do you find that your child struggles to find solutions when problems arise? This session will show you some simple steps for breaking down problems and finding solutions with your children.

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Effective Consequences

In this session, we will discuss different approaches you can take to address your child's challenging behaviour and how consequences can be a learning tool when offered compassionately and consistently.

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Registration

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Please note:

These sessions are for parents / caregivers of children grades K-6.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

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Parent Feedback

"I learned some great skills and I can't wait to implement them with my kids."

"Fabulous Content! I can't wait to continue joining you for all the upcoming sessions."

"Makes me think of things in a new light. The 'homework' feels like practical application of stuff we discussed."



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FUNDRAISER

SCHOOL WIDE MATH-A-THON

WHY A MATH-A-THON?

It's a great way to encourage growth in mathematics, make math fun and to raise funds to support our school!

- Align with School Goals
- Improves math skills
- Makes math exciting
- Inspires friendly competition
- Teaches goal achievement

It's a real WIN-WIN!!

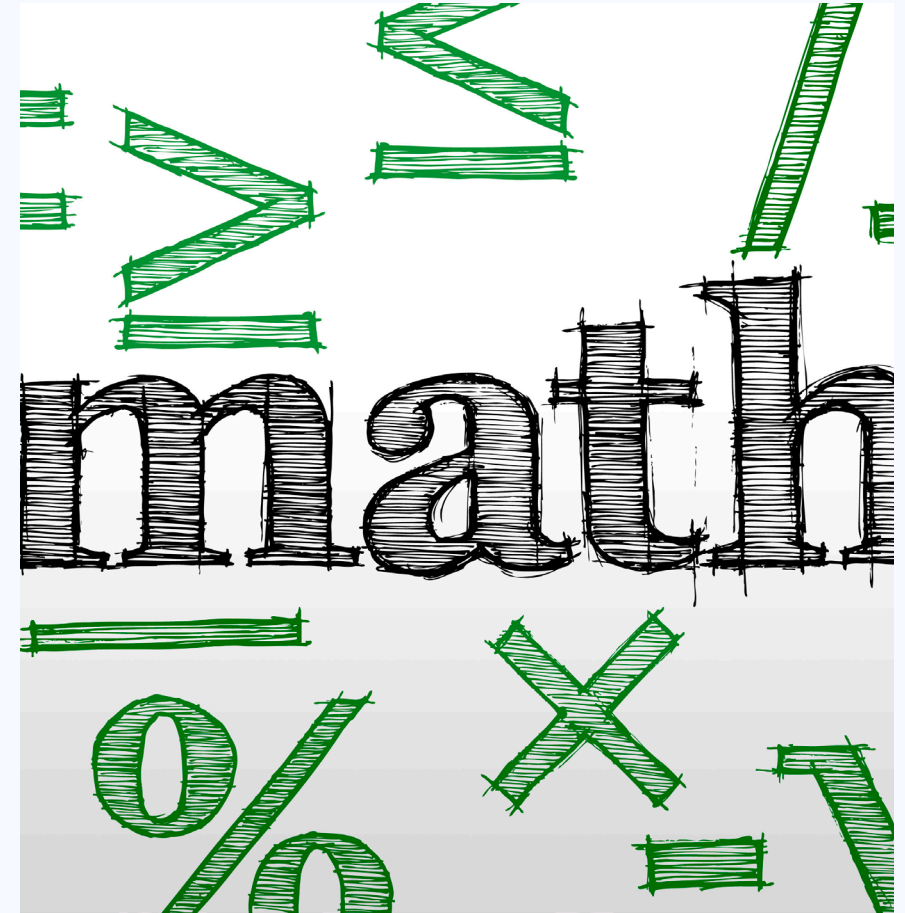
HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students participate in some exciting math challenges and collect pledge donations from family and friends.

All students who participate by completing the Math-a-Thon questions will have the opportunity to win prizes!

Prize categories

- Collect \$30 worth of Pledges & your name goes into a prize draw
- Grand Prize most funds raised by individual student
- Class Prize (Highest earner per classroom)
- Top 3 classrooms by highest dollar raised
- Draw for students who get 100% Per grade
- Math-a-thon participation prize for every student(Pencil with theme)



WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?



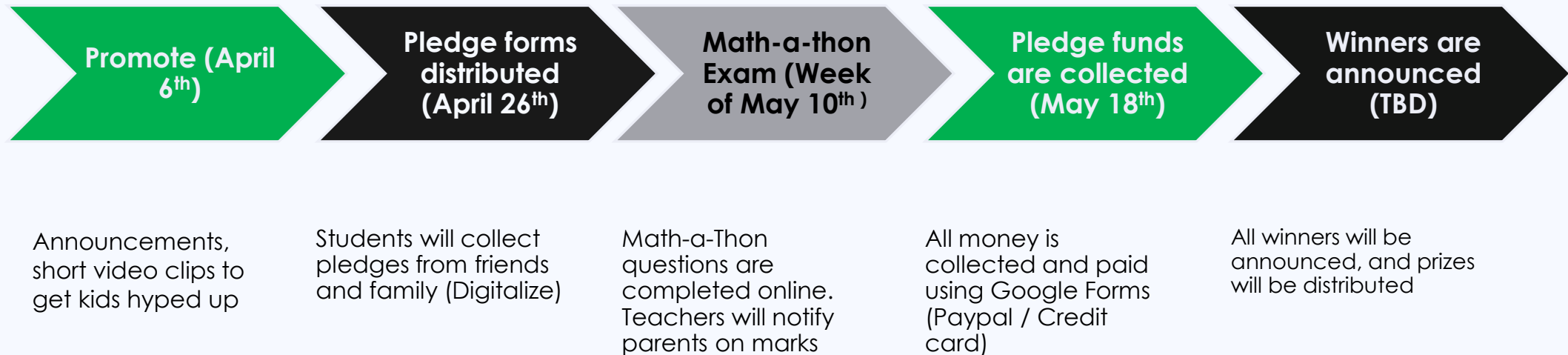
Math Resources for the school



Activity Based Math games

MATH-A-THON ROUGH TIMELINE

(DATES NOT SET IN STONE, TBD)



THEME

- MINECRAFT
 - Get outside
 - Mario & Luigi (Mario Kart)
 - New school initiative (Lana to discuss)
- Should we Choose a Theme or let students choose?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prizes are motivators and so we need to reach out for donations!

If you're interested in supporting or know a company who would be interested in providing a prize donation, please reach out to the Math-a-Thon committee.

Any Questions?

Trustee report February 2021

Jan 21 Board Meeting

-Covid update including costs associated(-Have schools incurred extra costs that have not been accounted for.)

-Amended and updated policies on Board operations, and school and administrative fees.

Received reports for information;

- -school fee parameters-guide lines for increases in school fees on cost recovery basis.
- We have had discussion on creating a fee for technology but at this point have not come up with a dollar amount if it is included.

- reviewed the signing authority matrix. Who can sign to approve items to be purchased or sold and to what value.

-received the school status report which outlines all schools and costs associated on a per pupil basis including instruction and facility costs. Average cost per student is \$6925.

Feb 3-COSC meeting

Feb 18 Board meeting

-Received a Covid system update

-Passed a motion reaffirming the boundaries for designate schools in the Andrew area for Gr. 7-12 students.

-Passed a motion that the Board will pay for 1 member from each school council to a maximum of 15 to attend this year's ASCA conference April 23-25

-Passed a motion accepting the 3 year Capital plan. Top 3 are:

- Replacement school for Sherwood Heights and Campbell Town school making one K-9 school

- replacement school for Rudolph Hennig and Fort High into one new facility.

- replacement school for James Mowatt school

-Expulsion committee had two hearings. Recommendation for expulsion from each school was upheld. One student was expelled from our system.

-passed a motion to formally recognize three junior high honor programs. One in each of Ardrossan, Sherwood Heights and F.R. Haythorne schools. As they are now system programs any student can apply to attend these programs.

Looking ahead-Provincial Budget scheduled for release on the 25th of Feb.

