

May 9th, 2023 ECVS Chairpersons report

- P.A.W.S. volunteers Judy and Elaine came and presented to all of our Grade 1 classes on April 27th on animal safety and proper behaviour around dogs. Mrs. Sanderson was our correspondent for this day and we thank her very much for making the day run smoothly. Some students brought donations for P.A.W.S. in the form of food, treats, toys and supplies
- Spring Dance report attached.
- Bike Week is May 29- June 2 with the cookie ride on May 31. They are asking for 2 volunteers to sit at our school's table from approximately 5:45-8:30 handing out grapes and cookies. Please let me know if you are available.
- Parent survey results
 - 37 responses, K-15, 1-10, 2-12, 3-14, 4-8
 - Our newsletter was read by most
 - Suggestions for childcare at meetings or virtual meeting options
 - Most would be happy to volunteer at the school for special events or if teachers request help. We received many emails to add to our list of contacts.
 - Most would follow a social media account- 1 suggested a private group, but Facebook or Instagram were most chosen and close to equal.
 - Here are the scores for the specific goals/focuses that our group could have
 - 147- support for staff to better help teach our students
 - 127- food security
 - 124- culture
 - 124- community involvement
 - 110 family connection
 - 128- support staff/students during school hours
 - 111 free snack/food days
 - 110- helping with school grounds, repairs, upgrades
 - 99 free ECVS community building with family events

What this says to me (though a small sample size of parents) is that support for our staff and students at school is what is most important to these parents. There are also many ideas given that can always be considered and looked at. They are listed below:

- mental health strategies for students
 - outdoor time/nature
 - open gym
 - early drop off options, PD day camps, summer camp
 - field day
 - hamburger/pizza day
 - roots of attachment(Dr Gordon Neufeld)
 - roots of empathy program
 - canteen with hot lunches
 - community volunteerism
 - specialized student interests
- CVS/EAMS and our parent councils. Discussion- amalgamating councils with EAMS and co-chairing Cassandra and myself, or remaining separate and splitting the funds.