

**Holly Elementary PAC | General Meeting
March 30, 2022**

Welcome

- Minutes approved from Jan 19th 2022
- Agenda posted and approved

Principal & Teacher Report

- Butterflies coming for Kindergarten and Praying Mantis for Grade 1, new drawing kits ordered for Grade 1
- Continued emphasis on outdoor learning with courtyard and greenhouse initiatives in action, new gardening gloves and tools have been purchased, education on growing your own food
- Ordering raised beds for greenhouse and containers for sunflowers, seeds and planting starting end of April
- New sandbox and long box, Track and Field now meeting Tuesday and Thursday's for Grades 4 -7
- New in-ground volleyball in place, crew of kids to help set up appreciated
- Child and Youth Care Worker creating sensory walk program at Tuesday lunch hour, promoting awareness of physical literacy, movement and regulation, and place and land
- Guest speakers joining sensory walk to discuss natural plants and animals, giving voice to students and building creative ideas to put into action
- Great enthusiasm for Team Canada Men's Soccer, teachers organizing soccer day this coming Friday
- Other initiatives: DPAC April 11th, sharing research on parent engagement, End the Stigma sharing on substance abuse April 13th
- New flooring laid over Spring Break
- Health update shared: visitors now allowed in building, masks not mandatory, classrooms are able to do activities together ie. buddy class activities, field trips
- Maintaining a measured approach to whole school gatherings (still to come)

District Report

- Superintendent going over health updates and planning for proper graduation celebrations this year
- General feeling is we need to get back to the fun stuff in school and how it affects kids experience
- Emphasis on doing as much as we can that is normal within the current restrictions, improve general mental health for everyone

Treasurer Report

- New library furniture has been purchased
- All past Hot Lunch credits have been applied
- Asking teachers to please create wish lists for budgeting meeting next month

President Report

- Discussing day camp for Grade 6 and 7 classes versus traditional sleepover camp
- With loosening restrictions, looking at what events and activities can happen based on recommendations for measured approach to larger gatherings
- Inquiring about use of gym for actives in later months of Term 3
- Discussed upcoming fundraisers

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm