



School Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members (* present)

Chair:	Robert Ayres*	Principal:	Sylvie Blais*
Vice-Chair:	Vacant	Vice-Principal:	Ingrid Hollander*
Secretary:	Jenny Ingrey*		
Treasurer(s):	Amber Giffen*, Janelle Yoon*		
Parent Members:	Hakan Karatas*		
Members:	Julia Lantos*		

Meeting Date: Monday, November 1, 2021
Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Meeting Location: Online Teams Meeting

*** Meeting summary completed by Jenny Ingrey ***

Meeting called to order at 6:07 by Rob Ayres

Elections:

Chair, Robert Ayres (acclaimed)
Co-Treasurers, Amber Giffen and Janelle Yoon (acclaimed)
Secretary, Jenny Ingrey (acclaimed)
Parent reps: Hakan Karatas (acclaimed)

Meeting Dates:

3 meetings before Christmas, 3 after: taking into account holidays and not being too close before or after

Nov. 1, 2021, Dec. 13, 2021; Feb 7, 2022; April 4, 2022; and June 6, 2022; all from 6- 7 pm.

By-Laws will be amended with the following:

Appendix 1. new council names
Appendix 2. upcoming meetings

Chair: could be flexible in these dates if something comes up given changes in going to school, etc.
Asking if these dates are fine, objections?

Amber says they look good and do not conflict with Home and School

Hakan: are we circulating agenda and link to only school council members or generic to everyone?
Email group?

Rob answers: distribution list is typical but also posted on the website, not necessarily before the meeting; should we circulate them before the meeting?

Sylvie: minutes need to be approved first (and edited) before circulated; could send agenda out to the



school council group but also send out the poster out to everyone to encourage others to participate perhaps as non-voting, but to hear their voices

Rob: minutes online; agenda one week before the meeting to those in attendance and on school council.

School Principal Report:

To share successes: @LouiseArbourFI on twitter: Please follow us on Twitter to get a glimpse of the school because we cannot have volunteers...

Truth and Reconciliation: wonderful class walk throughs

Terry Fox: exceeded \$2500 goal; Mme Singh brought karaoke machine; spirit days planned in Weekly News and Newsletter October; proud of student engagement with each other, staff and their learning; outdoor learning: positive outlook; value of being out and connecting in nature; Kindergarten Learning Document is important;

Learning about each other: differences and similarities launched by secretaries to ask students to have discussions about family, heritage, culture, inclusivity; office decorations to have students see themselves in the office; for so long we've been limiting ourselves

Taking care of each other and our students; no video announcements yet, soft start given COVID protocols; proud of our achievement 645+ students; shared pictures and tweets Terry Fox running and skipping students; discussions about different types of families

Virtual Open House/Meet the Teacher: October 14th, 4 – 5 pm Google Meet organized by educator teams (still pending; some teachers may need to do this on an alternative date; Google invites will be sent out when confirmed)

Extra-Curriculars Question from Community:
TVDSB: cautious return; no OFFSA

Questions from Community:

Questions from the Community: (10 minutes)

Will there be an extra-curricular school activities this year?

What is the morning routine in the back of the school? How are we ensuring the proper Covid 19 protocols regarding physical distancing and co-horting are being followed? How many staff are on duty in this area? Are there any lessons to be learned from the school closure (Lord Elgin?) related to Covid outbreak and are these being shared among TVDSB staff?

Closing: (5 minutes)

Next Meeting: To Be Determined
Adjournment



Response from S. Blais, Principal:

See attached copy of Google Slides presentation for points/responses

S. Blais also addressed the morning routines (see the Google Slides presentation) adding 100+ kindergarten students; lots of room for distancing to happen; recess is divided by Grade in terms of who is first out to recess and who is first to lunch;

Traffic concerns: no parking zone means just drop-off, no parking! Need parent volunteers to assist with enforcing this; lots of parents are leaving cars unattended in this area; communication to be sent out in newsletter; increased administration presence in this traffic congestion area.

Question 3: from closing of Lord Elgin School: (see response on attached Google Slides); See key terms of school board; decisions to close schools made by Health Unit.

End of presentation.

Questions from community issued to Rob, Chair, that were put on the agenda; and Sylvie responded to the agenda items; Principal Blais is ok with this method to garner questions from the school community

Rob asks Amber to see who would be providing updates from Home and School; Amber doesn't mind providing updates; first meeting of Home & School is nominations and brief information on fundraising

Next meeting: Heads-up: moratorium for fundraising; time to put in application for school sign; revisit bylaws and confirm for this year; year-end report sufficient or is there needed more on fundraising? Principal Blais says it is fine; need details later for the sign; Chair Rob will circulate these documents for review and information before next meeting.

Next meeting: November 1 2021 from 6 – 7 pm.

Other business: how do questions get issued? Send to chair to put on agenda so that they can be addressed by administration; Amber wanted to know about school yard distancing as well as traffic congestion, hence how the questions got put on the agenda;

Sylvie response: needs staff for safety but is limited by collective agreement in terms of minutes for supervision; need parents for help; wanting parents to park on the street around the block and walk the brief distance to school; in inclement weather: Principal and VP are also on duty to help with the Collective Agreement; wanted to ask if parents would do a three-day blitz to stand in the traffic zone to deter parent parking with a traffic vest; concerns with double parking also and long drop-off

H.K. agrees also; same issues with

S. Blais: we love your kids: doing supervision duty is the best part of the day

Motion to adjourn: Janelle Yoon;
Hakan seconds



Meeting ends: 7:10 pm

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