

## School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 4, 2022

Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Online Teams Meeting

### Welcome and Attendance

Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

Present: Robert Ayres (Chair), Jenny Ingrey (Secretary), Janelle Yoon (Co-Treasurer), Julia Lantos (Teacher), Sylvie Blais (Principal), Amber Giffen (Co-Treasurer); Ingrid Hollander (Vice Principal); Hakan Karatas (Vice-Chair); Cheryl Bovingdon (Home and School Rep)

### Old business / updates:

- Declaration of any conflicts of interest: potential conflict re: Chair; to be discussed in New Business
- Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda
  - accepted with no objections
- Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve: Janelle Y.; seconded: Amber G.

Reports: (20 minutes)

- Principal's Report:
  - February celebrated Black History Month: celebrating achievements; virtual assembly by Gr. 8 students; daily announcements; informative bulletin board; cultural display; resources in library; need to celebrate all the time beyond the month of February
  - Gr. 8 Leadership group: virtual assembly 'Trip Around the World'; to build capacity, had to recruit Gr. 7 students; working on school-wide interactive activity for April;
  - \$100 of outdoor equipment for each class now distributed;
  - Outdoor Education field trips have resumed; see Winter Newsletter for details around each grade
  - April: Poetry month! Writing contests; information on Google Classrooms and Morning Announcements
  - February and March: Library: Celebrating Diversity requests results in book titles list posted to each teacher
  - Book Fair: May 9 – 13<sup>th</sup>;

- PPM 166: Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board anti-sex Trafficking Protocols to set a foundation for Ontario school boards to build protocols; PD sessions started for staff already; starting with defining and resources; average age of sex trafficked victims in Ontario is 13; documented cases, majority are young women and girls; Ontario has highest number of documented cases in all of Canada; 401 corridor is target; pandemic has increased numbers
  - Incorporated in Health curriculum
  - Some communication with parents through board website re: resources; a trauma-sensitive approach; how to proceed in suspected cases and duty to report, etc. education with staff is the first piece
- EQAO 2022: Grade 3 and 6: May 16 – June 2, 2022; Grade 3 Math in French; Grade 6 Language and Math in English; see online platform for digitalization
- Extra-curricular: badminton: Wednesdays 3- 4:30; track and field TBA (but no regionals at Western); slo-pitch (historically, LAFI has not participated re: no resources or equipment or space)
- Final thoughts: on books
- Treasurer’s Report – review and sign off of monthly report:
  - No fundraising;
  - Two cheques have cleared; OSNP Breakfast Program is misnamed; a negative balance is due to a cheque not yet clearing
  - Fresh from the Farm (is this Home and School? But they do not use School Cash online); how we decide as a group what to use and for what purpose
  - The Big Crunch fundraiser March; The Big Gulp fundraiser
  - TVPIC requires regular review; Budget formally reviewed in compliance with TVPIC policy
- OSNP Report – vote on fundraiser
  - Required to do one fundraiser per year; COVID has prevented this in the past two years; contacted Produce Express (Woodstock; ships on Monday); fundraiser works by ordering produce and jams, preserves on website; can have it delivered or pick up; use school code; shipped directly to home; between April and May (to be run for a week or two);
  - Executive votes yes to April 19 – 29 (10 days); blast in School Messenger; no forms, just need info, website and school code
  - When can parents get back to running Breakfast Plan in school? Can be planned for now as parents are now allowed in schools; aim for September start; currently Snack Program is in place (to discuss how it is working, what needs to be added or revised to meet needs of students, to comply with OSPN, and to avoid parent volunteer burnout); one parent needed to do shopping; three parents a day to prepare food, distribute, and clean-up at 3 hours a day; to set up a meeting in next week to discuss details about Snack and Breakfast Programs
- LAFIPS Home and School Representative’s Report
  - New chair, Cheryl; Erma to return next year; due to pandemic, not too much fundraising; need to discuss new items as some endeavors have been blocked; Dominoes in May towards Grade 8 Graduation;
- Fundraising Committee Report

- Created fundraising committee;
- Application for school sign completed
- Chair's Report
  - To be addressed in new business

#### New Business (25 minutes)

- Review/update of Draft Student Dress Code
  - SISP team has not yet met due to COVID; participants shared feedback; to use the feedback from the last meeting in SISP; Ingrid can connect to team to see if there is anything else to pass on; prepare the document and have it ready for June to pass a motion and review (in meeting or virtually); could also be sent to teachers conference to see new dress code, to see the shift in thinking; to have it established June to be posted on website
- TVPIC Recruitment Update:
  - New members/volunteers TVPIC at system level;
- Hot Lunch status update:
  - In February in Home and School, minutes recorded decision not to do Hot Lunch and were seeking if School Council could take up;
  - Update: Home and School is able to take this back up; Erma has experience of running it and Home and School has experience;
  - Update: in the meantime, Sylvie made alternative arrangements through two staff members and two Grade 8 classrooms as a leadership activity to run Hot Lunch to generate funds for Grade 8 Grad to be run once a week; can be set up through School Cash Online; to raise funds for Grade 8 Grad; if more is raised, will be in an account for next year;
  - Decided to be run through the school this year; to be decided for next year where Home and School welcomes to take this back on for next year
- Review of DRAFT proposal for School Sign
  - Need to get this in and get it approved before to do fundraising; reviewing the application; need email confirmation from Facilities that location is approved; ideas to do fundraisers even though this is a multi-year fundraiser; send off email to get ideas for fundraising; see about grant applications: what is still available? What can be done? Other grants to access?
  - Rob TD Canada Grant (\$49, 000)
  - Hakan: Jumpstart Canadian Tire (\$50, 000)
  - Amber: Aviva Grant (\$95,000)
  - Janelle: Neighborhoods Decide (\$50,000)
  - Benefits: about community engagement, visibility, identity, beacon of hope...
  - To submit before the end of the year
- Parent volunteer access to school - update Questions from the Community:
  - What is the status of school sports? Do we know which ones will be happening in the remainder of the year: see Principal's Report
- School Council Input: School Administration:

- To be circulated and returned by April 20, 2022 to provide input on the characteristics of our school community; to consult on the leadership qualities of school administrators
- No conflict of interest found as per earlier query from Chair
- Thank you to Sylvie for being so public, friendly and kind to all students, welcoming them in and opening doors
- Can we repair/replace the Buddy Bench out back? It is looking pretty rough and possibly dangerous: yes, plans in place
- JK and Grade 1 orientation: plans still being worked out

Closing:

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2022 (6:00 – 7:00 pm)

Adjournment: motion: Amber G.; seconded Janelle Y.

7:21 PM