



## School Council Meeting

### Council Members

Meeting Date: Monday, December 12, 2022  
Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Meeting Location: In Person (School Library) / Online Teams Meeting

## Minutes

### Present:

Robert Ayres (Chair); Sylvie Blais (Principal); Ingrid Hollander (Vice-Principal); Jenny Ingrey (Secretary); Amber Giffen (Treasurer); Collee Kelsey (Parent Member); Veronica Wilson (Committee Member)

Regrets: Hakan Karatas (Vice Chair); Julia Lantos (Member); Cara McCrae (Member)

### Welcome and Attendance

### Old business / updates:

- Declaration of any conflicts of interest
  - None declared
- Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda
  - approved
- Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - approved

### Reports:

- Principal's Report
  - All information also in the school newsletter
  - Food drive
  - Holiday festivities: kindergarten: Dec 20 and 22; primary concert = Dec. 21 at 1:05 pm; Winter Showcase/talent show: Dec. 21 at 6 pm
  - Kindergarten Registration: need to pay attention to process and deadlines: English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in FI schools; Registration takes place January 10, 2023 to February 10, 2023; parents complete online pre-registration form on TVDSB website
  - Admission process made on random selection (medical or other supports needed as exceptions); This process is procedurally fair and consistent with the Board's commitment to equity and inclusion
  - Grade 1 registration also open!!
  - After grade 1, school needs to have at least 50% in French instruction
  - School Budgets:
    - School Generated Funds: collected by students or school staff: for student use only: for special events: student activities like field trips, hot lunch days, tournaments, dances, etc. Cannot for used meeting expenses, furniture and equipment purchases (except those allowed using Principal's Discretionary Fund)



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- School-board funds: Ministry provides boards with special grants; enveloped for things like Special Education, or enveloped at board level like library resources, textbooks. Board must report to Ministry; schools report to board; Sept. preliminary budget supplied as projected; funding formula for number of students in a school; principals responsible for distribution and expense of school budget; school growth plan, number of students and types of programs affect distribution; e.g. chromebooks to be replaced, upgraded; technology to support learning activities required to be purchased
- Play equipment and naturalized play areas:
  - Difficult to replace; playground may not be able to repaired; slide needs to be removed due to end-of-life condition; will need to be taken down; keep the monkey bars; need to look for options: see naturalized area or Henderson Play provided a catalogue for us to peruse: <https://www.hendersonplay.com/>
  - Rotten items need to be removed in the spider (will be removed free of charge); still needs to see what can be salvaged; we were one of the first to do a naturalized play area
  - Committees (students, parents, staff) will need to be struck to create a plan for replacement.
  - Katherine Rollins, Kindergarten Team teacher, designed a play area for phase 1 (log rope bridge, log tunnel, log snake, log stilt, log crossing, log climber, hill slide double= \$22, 295.78 not including installation), and phase 2 (a mud kitchen, picnic table, log water drop, xylophone panel freestanding = \$7,398.20 not including installation); \$30,000 estimate in total
  - Question: sponsorship? Could seek community input; cannot have public acknowledgment of sponsors; limitations around organization sponsorships; individual families can donate as well as companies
  - need also two committees 1) for natural play area (K. Rollins leading this); 2) the other playground area with students, parents, and staff to consult; could put this in the newsletter to seek committee members to strike a direction, seek community needs, and research options, to move to a replacement (to be led by Colleen and Rob)
  - Timeframe: from one year (if sponsored) to longer if fundraising
  - In the meantime: lines painted like four square, etc.; class wish lists for equipment could be offered again (e.g. rubber chickens, balls, hula hoops, etc.); last year: \$100 per class; \$400 per Kindergarten team; short life for equipment; need to be replenished every year;
  - Option: Northbrae has an open community closet for sign-out use;
- Treasurer's Report (Amber)
  - No report from Stacey Earls today; Produce Express not yet approved; no change from last time;
- OSNP Report (Amber):
  - Approved carts for around \$500; haven't yet approved cheque for \$2000
- Fundraising Committee Report (Amber):
  - Hasn't quite started yet; Rob will circulate; decided (see below in discussion) to strike first meeting January 11, 2023 at 7 pm virtually
- Newsletter Committee Report (Colleen):



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- First newsletter went out; some feedback: four responses to survey to indicate interest; will put out again; to put in the newsletter to request members for a fundraising committee;
- Suggestion: to have an info table with hot chocolate at drop-off and pick-up to make School Council visible; with information; apparently, we have a sign in the dining room; would parents log in to participate in a specific meeting for committee work? Discussion around how to articulate this and seek interested members; can happen in new year before next council meeting
- Amber will start the committee after the break: suggested start Jan. 11 at 7 pm to brainstorm; administration not needed to attend sub-committees
- Safe Routes Committee Report (Veronica):
  - Nothing resolved with traffic problem on Huron and Belfield; Safe Travel to School initiative: goal to create pathways for walkers and cyclists to get to school; other schools do parent and community surveys; initial surveys of our community not yet complete but hope to be completed by spring to see need for crossing guard; next step: city officials will go on a guided tour to assess level of busyness in the paths to school; concern around the obstruction of the cross-walk signs and no speed bumps; Parks and Rec have trimmed the trees to increase visibility of signs; drivers exceed 50 kph speed limit; requested a traffic sign that shows speed; in the works;
  - Thank you to Veronica for research and advocacy for safe routes to school

### New Business

- More detailed review of School Council by-laws:
  - Will be circulated through email to approve; student representatives to be invited through classrooms/morning announcements
- Playground Equipment Repairs Update:
  - See above in Principal's Report
- Open floor for other new business:
  - Website updates to be sent to Sylvie from Rob
  - Add new meeting for school council on Monday, May 1 at 6 pm meeting
  - Math Night possibility; will table for next meeting

### Questions from the Community:

- No report

### Closing:

- Next Meeting: February 6, 2023
- Adjournment: Moved: Colleen, Seconded: Veronica