

School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 6, 2022

Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Online Teams Meeting

Welcome and Attendance

Meeting starts at 6:02 pm

Present: Robert Ayres (Chair), Jenny Ingrey (Secretary), Julia Lantos (Teacher), Sylvie Blais (Principal), Ingrid Hollander (Vice Principal); Amber Giffen (Co-Treasurer); Hakan Karatas (Vice-Chair);

Regrets: Janelle Yoon (Co-Treasurer)

Old business / updates:

- Declaration of any conflicts of interest: none
- Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda
 - accepted with no objections
- Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - Accepted with no objections

Reports:

• Principal's Report:

- June 6: We stand proud for Our London Family; walk, dressed in purple and green; students were respectful and paid respects through silence
- Kindergarten Open House: finally having parents and children in is cause for celebration after a long time; Grade 1 Open House to be held Monday, June 13
- Social Justice Club input into Dress Code: to respect student voice
- Grade 8 Leadership Committee: virtual assemblies, egg hunt, year-end assembly
- Board-wide initiative (every classroom, every school): “essential conditions for learning”; students need to see themselves in the learning and feel belonging in the community; plan recognizes essential conditions for learning = relationships, feel safe, be connected, get regulated, learn...; September PD day: to examine mental health resources and build staff relationships; themes in first three days of September in accessing curriculum through connection (i.e. welcome, building relationships, student voice)
- Safe and Inclusive School Plan Update (Ingrid Hollander): needed a plan update; needs of school remain the same; reviewed school actions/goals in light of

COVID restrictions; discovered other ways to fulfill actions: celebrations of cultural diversity through announcements, bulletin boards, newsletters, etc.; resources purchased by library to help support culturally relevant teaching and learning; Social Justice League paused but hopeful to continue in new school year and carry out plan; school dress code;

- want more gender neutral washrooms because existing one doubled as accessible washroom; converted staff washroom to staff/student gender neutral washroom with locks changed so no key required: now vacant and occupied.
- Upcoming: field trips planned; Grade 8 students in Ottawa from June 8 – 10; report cards will go home June 28th; year-end assembly: date to be determined; grade 8 graduation on June 24 held at school; PD Day June 30th
- Buddy bench to be removed due to safety; wooden benches to be capped; wooden bench on a metal frame to get caps put on; health and safety concern with wood chips now resolved
- School sign update and other considerations: facilities working to provide an estimate on running conduits from sign to school (\$5000-6000); city permits required: sign company could procure this permit once the company has been decided; require three quotes from three different companies; Banner Productions has good reputation with TVDSB; need a warranty re: water damage risk, otherwise replacing parts of the sign would be expensive out of pocket; plan is to work through the summer via email with Council to continue with the process
- Kindergarten wants to fundraise for a natural play area; if exceeding \$5000, need a fundraising proposal as per the board; similar to Cedar Hollow's natural play area; once proposal submitted, TD Friends of the Environment may be interested in supporting the project
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - To streamline the files: Fresh from the Farm: not sure what raised for? To merge the fund with the school council;
 - OSPN and PC Children's Charity funds/accounts to be merged: all in agreement; keep two OSPN together;
 - Combine all three OSPN accounts into one: "Hungry Wolves"; approved
 - Accounts: fresh from the farm/ school council; OSNP; PC Children's Charity
 - To spend some of the breakfast funds: fruit trays; juice freezie day
- **LAFIPS Home and School Representative's Report**
 - Not enough people stepped forward for next year; in process of closing down Home and School/dormancy;
 - Sub-committee from School Council to fundraise for school sign, for nutrition program, etc.; work on parent engagement to come school council meetings;
 - Could do a meet the teacher night in September to get new parents involved

New Business

- Review/update of Draft Student Dress Code:
 - Changed order of 'in consultation with' to highlight students and School Council;
 - Removed sub-headings of 'compliance' and 'enforcement'
 - Approved student dress code

- Review of DRAFT proposal for School Sign
 - To change preliminary budget to include estimate about conduits from sign to school (needs additional \$5000)
 - Added fundraising ideas/applications as sample of ideas for proposal
 - Proposal approved and will be submitted
 - Research on grants:
 - Rob TD Canada Grant (\$49, 000); not appropriate
 - Hakan: Jumpstart Canadian Tire (\$50, 000): development grants: aim to sustain sports or recreation for youth and youth with disabilities: operational and programming support; could apply for \$15,000 in operational support; still not sure;
 - Amber: Aviva Grant (\$95,000); no longer a grant
 - Janelle: Neighborhoods Decide (\$50,000); not appropriate
 - Not fundraising yet, but need research to see what to do
- September 2022:
 - Council members interested in returning? Rob Ayres, Hakan, Jenny to return; Amber not to return as Treasurer; need to reapply
 - In person meetings? Potentially hybrid approach;
 - Survey on the school website to see about format for meetings

Closing:

Next Meeting: September 2022 TBD

Adjournment:

7:20 PM