

Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, September 23rd, 2021. 3:00pm
(Google Meet - Online)

MINUTES

Present: Dawn Diamond (Principal), Lisa Posthumus (Secretary), Kylie Etmanskie, Tara Beers, (Teachers), Angela Macauley, Kayo Murakami (Parents)

1. The meeting minutes on May 6 were approved.

2. New elected members of School Advisory Council:

Chair: Angela Macauley

Secretary: Judy Gerber-Van Vliet

Treasurer: Kayo Murakami

→ Dawn: to send the SAC manual to Angie and discuss roles of SAC/Chair with her before the next meeting.

→ Dawn: to check the School Board if 'Indigenous rep' position has to be Indigenous person.

3. Principal's and Teacher's reports

- A positive startup with the kids. Careful attention paid to their mental health and making them feel part of this community. Still waiting for more detailed information about programming (field trips, workshops etc).
- 21 students in total, 3 new students.
- Staffing: Mdm Brock (French teacher) moved to another school, and the position to be filled next week. Mr. Beers is still off and currently Mr. Bencze is working as a planning time teacher.
- Staff meeting postponed and rescheduled in Oct, to discuss if/how Open House could be held.
- Students and staff are learning with a new online platform, as Google classrooms are not available anymore.
- Welcomed a new caretaker Danielle.

4. School Council Financial Update

- 1) [Summary of Year 2020-2021](#)
- 2) [Financial Report 2021-2022](#)
 - The balance as of the end of June 2021, \$4,784.73.
 - Annual reports are approved.

5. Year 2021-2022 Planning

- 1) [Hot Lunch Program](#)
 - Resume in Oct. Every Wednesday. \$4 for each lunch. Need more volunteer cooks.
 - Individually packed lunch in 2 large bins (designated for each classroom) will be dropped off at school. Staff will distribute them to students. Students return containers to the designated bins, which will be picked up by parent volunteers.
 - The containers will be washed and stored at the Hotel kitchen.
 - The Commons & the Hotel will contribute monthly FREE lunch for all students and staff. Stainless containers were purchased by the Commons, and they continue fundraising for the lunch program.

→ Lisa: to check cutlery in the staff room, and Kayo to purchase extra if needed.

2) Fundraiser ideas

- 'Flip Give' works easy and great, and we continue.
- 'Fresh from the Farm' - order due Oc 13. Delivery date between late Nov and early Dec. School will be notified 10 days before delivery.
- 'Poinsettia' to go ahead in Nov.
- No parent volunteers allowed to help assemble for distribution (Veggies and Poinsettia), but older students may help as part of leadership activities.
- Parent council can do fundraisers outside school, such as Christmas Craft Sales etc.

3) Outdoor learning support & schoolyard beautification

- The asphalt pavement for bus lanes completed by Evergreen. Although the Board repainted old games as regular maintenance, Evergreen will paint new games that students chose.
- The south-west corner was designated as a multi area but hasn't been done yet.
- Another idea of 'outdoor classroom' at the south wall of the building needs to be discussed at the next meeting. (seating logs. white board, pergola etc)

→ Dawn to check with Evergreen about the south-west corner.

6. Meeting schedule

- Wednesdays, 3pm.
- Nov 17, Jan 19, Mar 23, May 25.
- Default is online, however we may have 'in-person' at schoolyard with 6 feet apart & mask wearing.

7. Others

- No parents/volunteers to join Terry Fox Run on Sep 29.
- Students prepare for Cross Country, however the event is not officially announced yet.
- For National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sep 30, students continue to learn and are now making little orange T-shirt ornaments that will be brought to the Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, which will be hung up around the sacred fire.
- Kayo informed that a group of volunteers has approached Township to organize a community gathering at the Town Hall to commemorate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Dawn will ask the Superintendent what protocols for students to attend such events.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.