

Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

Attendees: (Executive Members At Large) Beth Brooks, Genevieve Danvers, Heather Lin, Melissa So, Petra Wolfbeiss, Sabrina Hayden, Shirley Bernardo, Stuart Rogers

Guests:

Regrets: Fareed Kuhafa, Kathy Karakasidis, Kim McLennan, Kim Rogers, Renato Ciancusi, Shanthine Sambariuam, Yvonne Martinez

Principal: Janna Solman

Council Chair:

1. Welcome/Introductions

Sabrina Hayden, Chair

Welcomed everyone to meeting via Microsoft Teams Meeting. All parents are welcome to council meetings and to participate on council regardless if their children are doing virtual learning. They are still members of the school community at Elizabeth Simcoe as COVID-19 protocols are a temporary situation.

2. Principal's Report

Janna Solman, Team Leader

- Student enrollment and class reorganization
 - 80 students chose virtual learning
 - 175 students are returning for in-class learning
 - 2 x 15 Sr/Jr Kindergarten
 - 2 x Gr 2/3 split
 - Gr 1, 4, 5 and 6 straight class
 - Gr 4 Gifted
 - Gr 5/6 Gifted split
 - Lost one gifted class due to online.
 - Staff downsized by 3 teachers due to students enrolled for virtual learning.
 - Custodial staff has not been increased; however, their hours have to allow for a thorough cleaning of the school.
- Classes are assigned to a play area outside which are outlined in a grid. 2 classes are allowed to play in one grid with physical distancing in place. No gym classes inside.
- Parents will need to screen their child at home for COVID-19 symptoms prior to bringing them to school. They will be screened again at school and need to bring a TDSB health pass signed by a parent in order to enter the school. If the parent or child forgets the form they will not be turned away, it will be sorted.
- There is a sink in each class; there will be hand sanitizer through out the school.
- Lunch will be eaten in class, with lunch supervisors present. However, students are encouraged to return home for lunch. If it's a daily routine, teachers just have to be advised, no need to sign in and out.



- Music will be taught, but singing will not be permitted. Grades 5 & 6 will play string instruments, which will also be available for students registered for online learning.
- Janna is now able to send the communications to all parents, not just those with students attending in class. It was a matter of getting the technology set up.

3. Treasurer's Report

Stuart Rogers, Treasurer

- \$9500 in the bank.
- Working with Sam to balance the accounts as council has yet to reimburse the school for the purchase of the Grade 6 yearbook, medallions and grad sweaters.

4. Other Business

Sabrina Hayden, Chair

- Outside food services not allowed in the school therefore pizza lunches and Lunch Lady is not taking place.
- Looking for a way to continue with Spirit Wear, at the moment doesn't look like there are any options.
- Back to School BBQ not taking place. Shirley cancelled M&M Meats with no loss of council funds.
- TDSB appropriated 137 Chrome Books from Simcoe to distribute to TDSB students that required a device during the COVID-19 lockdown in the spring. Devices are still out on loan to students. Although they are tracked, TDSB does not have a place to collect them and return them to the school.
 - TDSB has advised Janna they are giving the school 25 new Chrome Books, not received yet.

Next meeting:

Sabrina suggested scheduling the next meeting in a few weeks to give time for school to get underway and will reach out with a date.