

Minutes

Thursday November 5, 2020

Attendees: Alicia Edwards, Beth Brooks, Carolyn Glasgow, Genevieve Danvers, Heather Lin, Kathy Karakasidis, Kim Rogers, Lucy Medeiros, Melissa So, Petra Wolfbeiss, Rebeka Ly, Sabrina Hayden, Sharmila Sivasankaran, Stuart Rogers, Tammy Hewitt, Yvonne Martinez

Guests: Alyson McIntosh, Alyssa, Cathy, Elayne Miles, Erin Johnson, Jason Bork, Lori C, Michelle Thomson, Myles, Pattie, Rathi, Simone, Tammy Nopuente, Zahra Kamani

Regrets: Kassandra Lake, Rayford Glasgow

Principal: Janna Solman

School Chair: Sharon Noble

1. Welcome/Introductions

Sabrina Hayden, Chair

- Welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting via Zoom; Attendees were advised to mute mic
- As we embark on having our school council meetings online, Janna will be sending out the agenda instead of Sabrina moving forward
- Heather Lin will advise council of any questions on live chat

2. Election/Council Members

Janna Solman, Team Leader

- Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting
- No election is necessary this year
- The school council members for 2020-2021 are:
 - Sabrina Hayden- Chair
 - Heather Lin- Vice Chair
 - Beth Brooks- Fundraising Chair
 - Genevieve Danvers- Secretary
 - Stuart Rogers- Treasurer
 - Alicia Edwards- Executive Member at Large
 - Carolyn Glasgow- Executive Member at Large
 - Kassandra Lake- Executive Member at Large
 - Kathy Karakasidis- Executive Member at Large
 - Lucy Medeiros- Executive Member at Large
 - Melissa So- Executive Member at Large
 - Petra Wolfbeiss- Executive Member at Large
 - Sharmila Sivasankaran- Executive Member at Large
 - Shirley Bernardo- Executive Member at Large
 - Tammy Hewitt- Executive Member at Large
 - Rayford Glasgow- Member at Large
 - Rebeka Ly- Member at Large

**3. Sunshine Childcare Update****Kim Rogers, Sunshine Supervisor**

- Licenced to accommodate 110 children
- Preschoolers number has lowered from 24 to 16
- Kindies are at the capacity
- Wait list of 10 for January; an influx of children in January
- The policy is updated monthly; based on Toronto Public Health's monthly updates

4. Principal's Report**Janna Solman, Team Leader**

- Weekly emails are sent out to keep parents up to date on what's happening
- We are down 2 teachers only. Down 3 teachers at the beginning of the school year, gained one back before Thanksgiving.
- We are in good shape with the number of students; class sizes are reasonable
- Kindergarten classes have 14-17 children
- Grades 1-4 have 14-18 children per class
- Juniors have 18-20 children per class
- We are in good shape if children return from virtual learning to in-class learning in February
- Initially we had 4 cohorts which consisted of 2 classes each. Due to the increase of COVID at schools, the cohorts were divided into 8, 1 class per cohort (with the exception of Ms. Daven and Mr. Steacy who have 30 students)
- If there is a COVID case, Toronto Health takes over. If a teacher or a student tests positive for COVID, his or her cohort would have to go home and quarantine.
- Students have been doing a great job sanitizing and wearing masks
- School photos have been put on hold since no guests are allowed in the school
- There will be a virtual Remembrance Day assembly. The grade 6 classes will be presenting on Google Meets. There will be poppies given to the students.
- On November 17th, Progress report cards for in-school students will be sent home. For students doing virtual learning, they will receive their report card a week later.
- Parent Interviews (by phone or video call) will be held on November 19-20th

5. Treasurer's Report**Stuart Rogers, Treasurer**

- Started the school year with \$10,000 in the bank.
- 2 cheque refunds in August for pizza lunches not distributed
- Book balance includes amounts that need to be reimbursed to the school for Grade 6 medallions and hoodies. Cheque for \$729 now with the school.
- Currently there is \$9,039; no planned payments or expense so far

6. School Technology Update**Sabrina Hayden, Chair**

- When COVID started, tech devices were need. TDSB approached schools including Simcoe, to get Chromebooks to distribute to TDSB students.
- We emailed TDSB Chair Alexander Brown, Trustee Zakir Patel and Superintendent Shirley Chan inquiring on the plan to get the technology devices back. While the devices are technically the



property of TDSB they were purchased with money raised from fundraisers and donations; without any support from the TDSB.

- 25 new Chromebooks were recently given by TDSB, which we've received.
- Sharon Noble shared:
 - We have applied for the Best Buy \$10,000 grant this year, which they give to a certain school each year. Although we've applied many times in the past, we haven't been successful with receiving the grant.
 - 137 Chromebooks were lost/taken
 - We are using tech devices that we've received; students sanitize their hands before use and the devices are sanitized before and after use.
- Petra suggested the following:
 - Add the amounts that were fundraised in the email sent (Stuart later shared \$44, 836 was spent on Chromebooks)

7. Events/Council Initiatives Update

- Community Rink

Sabrina Hayden, Chair

- Rodney Hayden will be making a community rink near the tennis court, next to the parking lot. The pile of dirt that is on the grass will be used to build up one end of the rink so that it's leveled.
- Since the rink will be on city property, Rodney has put in an application for a permit.
- Lots of communities are making rinks; supplies will be running out before the end of November due to volume of orders this year.
- There is a high demand for tarp; An order has been placed. In the meanwhile, Rodney will start building the frame.
- Will be asking Parks and Recreation for COVID signage to post at the rink.
- The Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) News & Views will have an article about the rink coming out this month.
- We're inquired with the GVCA to sponsor the rink and they declined due to the number of expenses they will incur this year. Looking into other sources of funding.

8. Fundraising Initiatives & Funds Direction Update

-Spirit Wear

Beth Brooks, Fundraising Chair

- Fundraising is limited this year; anything creative, please share.
- We would like to kick off Simcoe spirit wear
- Found a vendor who will provide a website exclusive to Simcoe. It will be available to the Simcoe community whether you're virtual or in-class.
- An amazing collection, with a large variety of clothing for kids and adults; a large selection of colours.
- If we launch in 1-2 weeks, items can be received in time before Christmas break.
- Place and pay for order online with debit or credit; package will be delivered to the school with names attached.
- Money raised goes to gym equipment
- Suggestion next GVCA News & Views should highlight kids wearing spirit wear
- Council does not need to pay for the Spirit Wear website to place orders and no cost for delivery.



-Virtual Scholastic Book Sale

Lucy Medeiros

- This year book fair moved online; Shopify is used as their platform.
- It runs from 1-2 weeks; will look into launch the week of November 13th for 1 week.
- Parents and school community will be given a unique link to access book fair.
- 20% of net sales will be given to the school; e.g., \$1000 in sales, we get \$200.
- Orders are placed online and shipped to your home. Shipping costs \$6; free for orders over \$35.
- 450 items on the site; genre, age, book cover and price displayed.
- 24-48 hr confirmation; delivered within 1 week.
- Website keeps a tally; we can set a target if desired.

9. Other Business

-Setting Council Dates

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- Decided to set council date at each council meeting, instead of trying to schedule for the entire school year. December 10th is the next meeting.

-Council Communications

Sabrina Hayden, Chair

- Janna will be sending out council email blasts and communication linked to the website

-Open Floor

- Sabrina- Think outside the box- any suggestions or ideas, please bring them forward.

Next meeting: December 10, 2020 6:30pm – 8:00 pm