

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2023

12 attendees

Principal's Report

- Projected demographics 243, have 254 as of today.
- Staffing
 - o Ms. Kasa returning Monday (DECE Allocation right-sized due to numbers)
 - o Caretaking hours until 9pm this year (still finish by 8:00 if we don't use extra hours)
- Staffing Volunteer
 - o Anyone who wants to go through the hiring process for supply lunchroom supervisor contact Ms. Wall-Ryel
- Facilities
 - o Portable 4 has arrived, French will soon be in there (needs furniture, arriving soon)
 - o Playground updates being discussed – funds set aside, process for upgrades to take place in phases; Ms Wall-Ryel will meet with Council Exec with updates
- Safe Schools
 - o Screening sent out weekly in the Principal blast
 - o Mask friendly environment, masks still provided to any students who need
- Teaching & Learning
 - o UFLI – Reading program – building blocks of phonetic awareness in place
- Budget
 - o Board funds – past \$40,251
 - Based on 243 students
 - Might lose a little as we have past the 250 mark which puts us in the next category for “small school allocation”
 - o School Council
 - Amount in to be updated as bank provider has changed so some funds still need to move categories per last year's decisions
 - Over \$3K but total will change as per above, to be confirmed next meeting
 - \$304 provided for student council by TDSB
- Extra-Curricular
 - o Terry Fox raised over \$7K
 - o Grade 1-5 cross country – 35 students going to represent GRG
 - o Grade 4-5 Girls & Boys soccer tournaments coming in October
 - o Grade 4-5 Flag Football tournament coming in October
 - o Musical Theatre Club started today
 - Taking parent volunteers for building sets and props
 - o Curriculum Night & School BBQ – Wednesday @ 5:30
- Volunteers Needed for Pizza Days
 - o 2 adults for 30 minutes on the Pizza Day Friday
 - o 11-11:30

School Advisory Council Change Over

- Need to vote for SAC executive council. If you are interested in joining, email Ms. Wall-Ryel with “Executive” in the subject line
- Roles include:
 - o Chair
 - o Co-Chair
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
 - o Social Media Coordinator
 - o Fundraising Coordinator
- Vote must happen before end of October, will occur over Zoom

Spirit Wear

- Mock ups of t-shirts, hoodies, hat & water bottles
- Poster will be on display at School BBQ/Curriculum night with pictures & size charts
- Hoping it can be sold on SchoolCashOnline, coming in October

Big Box Fundraising

- Council will be selling Cards as a fundraising effort (birthday, holiday cards, etc.)
- \$35 for 35 cards, school gets back \$11-12 per box
- Planning to sell on SchoolCashOnline after Thanksgiving
- Details to be sent out soon

Pumpkin Carving Night

- Families bring your own pumpkin and carving tools and compete in various categories (funniest, scariest, etc.)
- Council fundraising efforts of selling drinks & snacks
- October 30th at GRG (in the Gym)
- Voting Members – Yes (Patti, Kara, Emily, Stacy, Shazia, Jaskiran, Allison)
- Committee – Stacy, Emily, Shazia & Patti

100 Year Anniversary

- Details TBD – tentatively May 25th
- Parent committee started, contact Stacy Kachru if you are interested in joining

Any other business

- School Advisory Council calendar

Next Council Meeting

- Zoom to vote for council – 15 minutes – date TBD
- Upcoming Council Meetings – 6:30-7:30
 - o November 8th – In Person
 - o January 17th – Zoom
 - o March – 27th – Zoom
 - o April – 24th – In Person