

Scarborough Village Alternative Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: School Library

Meeting Commenced: 6:40 p.m.

Council Administrators in Attendance:

Meena Sharma, Principal

Jackie Ventresca, Vice Principal


Joella Connaught, Parent Council Chair

Bridgette Rafuse, Teacher Representative & Parent Member

Agenda Items:

- Principal & Vice-Principal's Report
- School Council Meeting Dates & Voting
- School Council Vacancies: Volunteers, Application and Voting
- By-Laws Review, Voting & Adoption for 2022-2023 school year
- Fundraising Fair
- Other Business

Principal & Vice-Principal's Report:

 Important dates and events in October

-October 3rd to October 6th 2022 there will be a book fair held. Information regarding the hours of the event will be provided by the school administration.

-October 6th will be Curriculum Night. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and to meet teachers. Information will be provided by the school administration closer to the date.

 Update on replacement of student devices

-School administration currently working with school board to receive and organize devices.

-There is a device program in place for students in grades 5 to 9 where they will receive new devices that they will keep on loan to support their learning through their grade 5 to grade 9 school years.

-Inventory is being done of devices that the school currently has that are in good working order.

Family Adventure Passports

-These were to be included with the students June 2022 report cards, but they were not.

-Ms. Sharma and Ms. Ventresca will follow-up with the school's community resource worker, Miguel Pink regarding this.

Playground Update

-One item remains up for discussion with the contractors; the colour scheme of the playground.

-The new playground is scheduled to be completed summer of 2023.

Student Clubs/Sport Teams

-Discussion was had with teachers and staffs regarding implementation and facilitation of clubs and sports teams.

-Currently, list of activities and sign-up options are being worked on with teachers and staffs to facilitate activities.

School Council Meeting Dates:

-Brief discussion was had on selecting dates and times for the 2022-2023 school council meetings.

-Discussion was also had on how to facilitate the meetings. For example, in person meetings, via zoom or a hybrid model.

-It was agreed and voted on to have school council meetings the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Joella C will create the formal list of meeting dates to be sent out to families and school council members.

-November's meeting will be facilitated via hybrid model. If that seems to work, this will be the model used for the remainder of the year.

School Council Vacancies:

-Volunteers needed to fill Chair/Co-chair positions, Treasurer, Secretary, etc.

- Interested persons contact Ms. Sharma for application form.
- Deadline for submission is October 16, 2022.
- Voting for to take place at November 2022 School Council meeting.

By-Laws Review, Voting & Adoption for 2022-2023 school year:

- Discussion was had on access to the document for school community public view prior to by-laws voting (i.e. sent via email in PDF or hard copy available in office or posting board beside gym).
- Joella C to send a PDF version of the document to Ms. Sharma and Ms. Ventresca
- Voting to take place at November 2022 School Council meeting

Fundraising Fair:

- Discussion was had on considerations to take into account in planning and facilitating the "Family Affair" fundraising event.
- Some considerations are having sufficient time to plan the event, covid-19 and securing enough volunteers and donors for the event.
- It was agreed that it would be best to postpone the event.
- It was agreed that the event will be held in October 2023.
- It was agreed that there are sufficient funds in the school council budget for this school year, as long as spending remains well planned and frugal.

Other Business:

- Nutrition/Snack program will commence mid-October 2022.
- The return of the hot lunch program is to be determined. It depends on factors such as volunteers to run the program, food and safety handling certification and police checks for volunteers.
- Pizza lunches and lunches from Subway were briefly discussed. Both Pizza Pizza and Subway have school lunch programs that could potentially be used.
- Parents are encouraged to attend Model Schools meetings. School Village P.S. is a Model school. For more information, parents can contact Ms. Sharma or Ms. Ventresca.

-Parent Rep's needed for School Improvement Committee and Caring & Safe Schools Committee. Joella C has agreed to be the parent rep for the Caring & Safe Schools Committee. Parents interested in joining these committees should contact Ms. Ventresca or Ms. Sharma.

-Discussion was had on other social events that were had in the past that could potentially return this school year such as a holiday movie night and a Halloween holiday themed movie and trick 'or' treating night.

Action Items to be completed by September 30, 2022:

1. School Council Meeting dates document (Joella C)
2. Meeting minutes from September 22, 2022 (Joella C)
3. School Council By-Laws to PDF format to send out to parents/guardians (Joella C & Ms. Sharma)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Next School Council Meeting: November 3rd 2022