



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2022

7:30-9:00pm

Attendance:

Voting members:

Paul Younger, Corrine Frey, Melissa Churchill-Smith, Purvi Acharya, Beverley Essue, Christie Carson-Ginger, Erin McMillan, Meagan Lau, Michael Kinsey, Lindsay Appolinaro

Bev Myhal, Christine Sheehan, Sara Durbano, Sarah Harwood, Lauren Rovas, Julie Monpierre, Japmeen Johal, Michael Kanalec, Pallavi Mhaisalkar, Stacey Lortz, Patrick Katerina,

Approval of Agenda- Motioned by Michael, seconded by Christie. Additional approval from Meagan, Melissa, Corinne.

Approval of minutes- Motioned by Purvi, seconded by Melissa. Additional approval from Corinne, Meagan, Michael.

Communications (Purvi/Bev)

- Continuing with fundraising messaging
- Will send Michael Kanalec some resources from today's workshop for circulation

Fundraising/Budget

- Still have the \$6500 that was mentioned at the last meeting
- Almond fundraiser
 - o We're up to 290 cases which is just over \$12,000. Great response from the students. Students seem very motivated by the variety of prizes.
 - o The fundraiser has been successful and have received good feedback.
 - o Want to start thinking about what we'll do with the funds we raised
 - o Will have some learnings from the cash online platform and communications with families – to be discussed further when the fundraiser is over
 - o Last extra boxes will be sent out at the end of next week

- Looking for input on uses for the raised funds. Reminder that funds should be used in the school year they're earned (possible carry-over of some to September).
 - Suggestion for an end-of-year fun day
 - As we didn't receive the equity grant, could we allocate to equity item – recommendation that this be an ongoing line item in the budget
 - Suggestion in the equity committee that we aim for 3 items per year.
 - \$500 is allocated to the grade 5 graduating committee
 - Planning has started. **ACTION: If any interest in being a parent volunteer, please let Paul know.**
 - Question about process on how to decide on allocating the funds that are coming in with the fundraiser.
 - Discussion about SAB being fortunate to do well at fundraising. **ACTION: will share at the March meeting how funds have been allocated in the past to provide guidance.**
 - **ACTION: Request that council members promote Council to parents and encourage ideas for funds**
- **ACTION: Melissa/Lindsay to confirm amounts raised in passive fundraisers, but it's typically minimal (a couple hundred dollars).**
- Lindsay and Beverley will chat offline about honorariums. Generally, will need an invoice.
- Centennial update (Julie Monpierre)
 - Moving forward with the pencil cases. Vendor is requested to be present at the BBQ/event to sell the items. Two pencil case options were presented – a less expensive option, and a more expensive but more durable option. Noted that the centennial logo cannot be used as the logo is mostly black. Requesting a decision today to move forward.
 - Suggestion that we have someone rework the centennial logo in reverse colours – mainly in white instead of black. **ACTION: Corrine will put someone in touch with Julie to rework the logo.**
 - Reminder that we have allocated the \$1000 GIC towards the centennial. Can allocate additional funds from the chocolate almond fundraiser to make up the difference.
 - GIC status: need to get the signing officers updated with the bank.
 - May need funds for the BBQ which we were going to couple with the Centennial. It's typically a large fundraiser for the Council bringing in \$3000-\$4000.
 - Suggestion to sell tables, have sponsors for the BBQ, to cover expenses

- Need to remain flexible as we don't know what the restrictions will be in September.
- **Vote to allocate \$1700 towards the centennial pencil case purchase: Approved by Corrine, Christie, Melissa, Paul, Lindsay, Purvi, Meagan, Beverley, Patrick.**

Admin Report (Michael)

- Began with the land acknowledgement
- Thanks:
 - To Christie for the Telus-wise workshop. Links and resources will be posted to the website for access.
 - Thank you to the equity team for the steel pan piper later this month.
 - Thank you to the chocolate almond fundraiser volunteers.
 - Thank you to those who participated in the family literacy day.
- Staffing update
 - Welcom back Mme. Auvalis (sp?) next week
 - Thanks to Ms. Casey (sp?) filling in as an occasional teacher

Safe and caring schools:

- Request from the school nurse whether we would be interested in a TPH vaccine confidence presentation to the students. **Action: Request that council consider, and let Michael know.**
- Request to continue to honour the COVID health and safety guidelines which are now at 5 days isolation and thanks to the community for understanding.

Communications:

- Online teacher interview booking portal was opened today and instructions sent to families
- Cash online: Communication sent out regarding growing pains with the platform. We don't have a lot of experience with it and the related messaging to families.

Teaching/learning:

- Thank you to our literacy committee which has been working very hard behind the scenes curating our collection
 - Reminder that framework of spending should align with the school goals. School goals are different depending on the community needs. Our main goal is literacy by grade 1.
- Have had fun with the heritage celebrations and centennial trivia
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Dates:

- Kindergarten registration month – using a new platform.
- National sweater day last week
- Feb 14 will be red and white day
- Reminder of the PA day prior to the family day weekend

Questions:

- **ACTION: Purvi to ensure instructions on using Cash Online are included in the welcome package**
- Question about class excursions and swimming
 - o Slowly supporting/restarting outdoor excursions
 - Noted that staff may approach the Council for funds for excursions
 - o Swimming is considered a high-risk activity and the decision lies with the superintendent (not the principal)

Daycare (Pallavi)

- Nenad is moving on – this will be his last week. Reena will be stepping in as Interim Director.
- The daycare has put together some anti-racism events that are available to the broader community.
 - o 6-part series: have already done 1, and there will be 1 per month for the next 5 months.
 - o Question about sharing this as it's not an approved vendor/vetted by TDSB – Michael recommends caution against sharing via an official Council or SAB channel.
 - o Feedback from those who attended that it was a very well-done presentation.

Open Forum

- For the Centennial, Mme Monpierre is looking for former students to provide one sentence on “Sir Adam Beck was...”. **ACTION: Share this request with any former students**

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is March 7th – request to go back to the 6:30 start time.