



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes JANUARY 10, 2022

Attendance:

Corinne Frey*, Michael Kanalec, Julie Monpierre, Purvi Acharya*, Melissa Bangma, Beverley Essue*, Christine Sheehan, Japmeen Johal, Erin McMillan*, Saiqa Hazari*, Christie Carson-Ginger*, Sara Chow

*2021-2022 Voting Members

Approval of Agenda-deferred to next meeting due to insufficient quorum

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Budget-Lindsay

-incoming \$6,200 plus an additional \$310 from cash online donations

-have \$6,710

-have allocated \$550 for bank fees and bookkeeping and \$500 for the grade 5 moving on

-some discussion on what else wanted to do with funds we may raise

-GIC was for playground refurbishing - 10 years ago but that has been covered by school/board

-agreement to use for centennial as can also be used this school year per normal practice

Fundraising-Corinne

-chocolate almonds fundraiser ready to go with two options depending on when kids return to school

-1 case sent home with each family, then prizes etc to encourage to sell

-agreement to push to the end of January

-there would be a opt out for families who don't want to participate

-Melissa and Shamus will run a Kahoot night for Council; John English has been running them and they make approx 1-2K per night

Centennial Event-Mme Monpierre

- suggested we buy totes for every kid in the school; not everyone was on board with this idea; 11 years ago totes were purchased - was successful but not successful as children lost them fast; for purposes of budgeting - \$1832 for rectangular totes and \$1160 for square ones for purposes of budgeting - asked Council to consider funding this or an alternative option. Could streamline and provide each family one tote to reduce costs.
- Parents will be able to buy t-shirts and cups with logo
- Open house now suspended until further notice, so looking at the September open house for vendor taking order for centennial items
- booklet may not be distributed this year, but will go forward in creating it
- there will be a virtual presentation with the children that will be shared with parents
- going to organize old photos on cardboard, on concourse, whenever school opens
- centennial mosaic permanently affixed at school will still proceed, with involvement of each student; artist preparing physical components and working with small groups of classes
- would be nice to have a commemorative item for all kids, if not totes, please send other ideas to julie.monpierre@tdsb.on.ca
- vote on commemorative items to be held until the next meeting but need a decision asap.

Admin report - Michael

- Thanks to Christie for organizing the Telus workshop this evening
- Thank you to everyone coming forward to support the Centennial

Staffing

- welcome back to Mme Nolan who has rehabilitated knee
- well wishes to Mme Mondenge who underwent medical procedure before break and recuperating

Safe and Caring Schools

- positive media regarding booster clinics
- fed govt deploying further rapid tests to use via provincial roll-out, anxiously await that model and deployment, which hope will support a quick, safe and health return to in-person learning and teaching
- these times are always difficult; TDSB has compiled and shared a number of mental health resources for students, families; access those as needed and reach out if need help navigating important resources

SAB communications

- in January newsletter reminded community about elementary switch forms deadline of Jan 7
- online portal open from January 3 to January 28 for grade 3 french immersion - contact office for assistance
- published a new transportation policy - when return in person, if school busses cancelled due to inclement weather, the schools will be closed
- Ms. Holmes new to staff this year, our EA special needs assistant, has been very creative with lost and found and has created a virtual catalogue of items that will be shared with community; hoping as many can go through items online and identify if it belongs to them to notify child's teacher and help retrieve item
- 94 devices were secured and deployed over first two days of virtual learning and shout-out to staff that supported this access
- coming up this Friday to PA day - assessment and evaluation day - teachers to accrue and analyze data provided by working with child from Sept to January to begin writing first report card coming out middle of February
- we are starting to generate excitement for the centennial, linking it to 100th day of school
- January 28 – Stripes & Polka Dot Spirit Day
- February is kindergarten registration month
- PA day Feb 18 before Family day weekend and report cards the week before

Question for Michael - Contingency staffing

- what happens with staffing shortages when returning in person?
- 19 cohorts of students in building and 23 staff
- we can deviate by 4 staff members, but can't mix cohorts or double up classes in emergencies,
- if no supply teacher then use lunchroom supervisors who are full-time or peripheral parents on emergency supply teaching non certified teacher
- if fails, ask internal rotary staff special ed, gym, music to collapse program to move in and cover
- if absences go above that - when all peripheral not enough to cover - there have been contingencies where we have had to close classrooms as there are not enough adults in the building
- hoping to return in safe manner as community has been safe and responsive
- data showing the risk is greatly decreased, when we can get back and manage the spread among students and staff and still provide a very safe and supportive teaching environment then that's the right time to come back

Other business

- with Black History Month, have a parent engagement focussed around music. Bev looking into options to have a steel pan musician - very important instrument in Caribbean culture; getting quotes and hoping Council can fund.
- Equity committee encouraging parents to speak to teachers to offer sharing highlights of cultures
- Family Literacy Day - coming up at end of moth - read a favourite story to their child's class - parents can read in first language - show stories they read at home - value and emphasize different cultures and identities
- consider putting together a resource list of people willing to share with classroom teachers
- are there any other ways to elevate this content - go loud and proud - make sure this is getting out there? Please share ideas with Christie

Next meeting

Monday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. following next Telus workshop