



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes- June 7th, 2021

Attendance:

Paul Younger*, Lindsay Apollinaro*, Teresa Silveira, Melissa Bangma, Beverley Essue*, Melissa Churchill-Smith*, Sarah Vandervoort*, Michael Kanalec, Julie Monpierre, Michael Kinsey, Shannon Masters, Amber Burkinshaw, Purvi Acharya, Christine Sheehan, Pallavi Mhaisalkar, Bev Myhal

*2020-2021 Voting Members

Approval of Agenda- Melissa, Sarah, Paul, Lindsay, Beverley

Approval of minutes- Melissa, Sarah, Paul, Lindsay, Beverley

Financials-Lindsay

-Update on fundraising: Recipe jars \$611, one more cheque coming from TruEarth

-\$8305 reimbursed to teachers for class supplies

-\$9656 balance at the moment, pay out for Grade 5 grad still

COMMUNICATIONS (Beverly/Purvi)

-analyzing visitor traffic-should we? Something to think about.

-follow up workshop with Jonathan Hood: discussions on how to discuss with kids, 20 people joined. It was an interactive discussion. Feedback was that the group was satisfied with the discussion.

Takeaway was that people want more, which is great. Teachers are having discussions at an education/staffing level. What is our strategy for workshops and what do we want to include going forward? Something to keep in mind for next year.

-Virtual format: there is an appetite for engaging virtually with topics/webinars/workshops. We should think about what we may want to do for next year.

-Lanor vs SAB (how many people came from these schools for the workshop): all SAB for last one. Moving forward we should continue to offer a hybrid option to include other schools. Extend to our community if possible, as well.

-Feedback: lots of resources and hunger for information from parents. Have we done any multicultural events before? A social event for people to share their cultures.

-Food is a key driver in getting people together. Grade 2 curriculum hosted an international food day to try different foods. If council went down this route it would be well received. Working with teachers to bring in parents and involve them in teaching their cultures in the classroom.

-virtual school: Kanalec's announcements have been great to share with families to open discussions on different cultures.

-we try to post resources to the library, as we go into next year we will include this more

-the learning corner in the council corner provides different resources

-newsletter: Michael thinking of sending it a couple days before the end of the month with a link to visit the website to read the newsletter, instead of PDF format. Then we should do link analytics to see who is clicking to read. Paul can help with this.

-Is this a public site? Yes. Can't have teacher/class info. Melissa suggested to add kid art to drive parents there. More likely to click. Something to look at.

Fundraising (Tracy)

-\$800ish. Hoping we can do chocolate in the fall, talk in September about this.

Michael (Admin Report)

-as always thank you to parent council for your work

-Thank you for bringing back Jonathan. Better 2nd time around. Feedback has been taken and something we will talk about as a staff in regard to equity.

-Thank you to moving on parents who are working behind the scenes.

We are working on the picking up of certificates, stay tuned.

Teaching/learning:

-Jennifer Nelson back.

-annual declaration for police checks: we want to make sure everyone is current and it doesn't expire. Remind neighbourhood friends.

-Focus for June: Pride, Indigenous Peoples, Italian Heritage month, and Portuguese speaking heritage month. Morning announcements will circle through these key areas.

-Our school flag is at half-mast until Wednesday. We have a Pride flag, given approval to put the Pride flag up. Will be doing this on Wednesday.

-Report card: rolling out electronically starting June 25th. Will most likely go in waves. Bottom of report card in the learning skills component there is a statement that tells you what grade they are promoted to. This statement will not be on it, clear message that we as a system will respond with flexibility and understanding. We know there will be gaps, we will not panic, we will pick up and get everyone on track when we get back to in person. Implication of this statement: basically, just means that every child moves on to the next grade. No student to be held back. So, they are removing this statement.

Communications

-Grade 5 families: consent to participate in virtual ceremony. 98% complete-one family. Good to go to include everyone.

-TDSB selection form for next year-whether people are coming in person and virtual. Middle of August is the timeline given. Other regions/boards have already rolled out this survey, puts us under pressure. Won't receive this info until the 3rd week of August. Class placements will be done in August, because Michael needs the data. Thank you for understanding. We are trying to avoid shuffling.

-no final direction on when students can come to pick up their belongings. Many teachers sent these homes already, but if there are still more, we need to develop a plan. A schedule will be set up.

-reclaiming the SAB technology of the personal devices we lent out. 115 taken by school board. We bought 75 and have redeployed those into our SAB community. We have close to 200 out there. We are responsible to get the 75 back. In the winter the devices were given back, so we do not foresee this being an issue.

Dates:

June 10-Mad science virtual presentation for all students

June 25-Grade 5 Moving on ceremony 9am

June 25-Rainbow Colours Spirit Day

June 25-29-Final Report Cards/IEPs Electronically Distributed

June 29-Last day of school

Questions for Michael:

-follow up on the other schools doing virtual intros for the Grade 5's moving on: two key feeder schools (Lanor and John English). Got positive feedback from

these schools and they have said they will work with their leadership team to make a slideshow. Have not connected back with them. It's out there.

-Can people keep devices for summer school? The 115 number of computers, no idea where they are. These get returned to closest schools, anywhere from Etobicoke to Scarborough, then they get returned to the original schools. If any of the 75 we have personally loaned there is no issue of keeping these for the summer school.

Daycare (Shannon)

-update on bunker mural: board met with 2 artists, final stages of deciding. The mural will depict diversity, inclusion, and hope, something with bright imagery. TimeLine: over the summer to be done in September.

-Toddler playground to be resurfaced. 3 different types of materials; asphalt, grass with rubberized surface and wood. To be done for September as well.

-Changes in September: the centre will open 7am-6pm.

-Summer program is open to SAB families. In coming years, they will look at community

-Expansion: larger footprint in community. Stay tuned.....

-Not offering a spilt option of before/after, not feasible for the daycare

Open Forum

-webinars: options for on demand video for use down the road? Yes, forgot to hit the record button on the last webinar. We will have access to Jonathon's slides with links and definitions.

We will include for materials next year. Great to have this option for next time. Captioning has to be set up before sending out. Learning process, but we'll get there.

-Bev Myhal: thank you to the parents for all you do. This community is great.

-Paul-Thank you to the teachers for this year!

-September 9th is the first day of school, moved the June 30th PD day

-playground update: worked on some of the items. Going to get a quote on the slide.

-is TDSB making sure schools are safe to return in September? Can parents put pressure on the board? We are in good shape with ventilation. Filters changed all the time. Our facility will be ready to go. What we have less control over is vaccinations: big part of safe return will be the vaccination hesitancy rate. If we reach the target double vaccinated (75-80%), strong possibility of eradicating this. Anticipating high numbers of people going to return in September in our community.

-kitchen: remaining items, should we pass these to people there? Michael to look.
Just water and pop and condiments. Doing a clean-up of fridge and freezer.
Give to daycare.

**Next Meeting: September 13th at 6:30pm. This is the last meeting of the
2020/21 school year.**