



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes-MARCH 7, 2022

Attendance:

Voting members:

Corinne Frey, Melissa Churchill-Smith, Lindsay Apollinaro, Purvi Acharya, Beverley Essue, Corinne Harper Jones, Christie Carson-Ginger, Meagan Lau, Michael Kinsey, Saiqa Hazari

Christine Sheehan, Suman, Sara Durbano, Julie Monpierre, Lauren Rovas, Japmeen Johal, Amanda Brown, Sally Warburton, Melissa Bangma Jen-Mai Sirait, Sarah Harwood, Michelle Paul, Sara Chow, Tracy Saunders

Land acknowledgement by Michael

Approval of Agenda- Lindsay, Corinne, Mel, Saiqa, Beverley, Michael, Meagan
Approval of minutes-Lindsay, Corinne, Mel, Saiqa, Beverley, Michael, Meagan

Communications Update (Purvi/Bev)

-Website updates have happened and there is a new section for Council corner called Parent tips.

Centennial (Mme Monpierre)

- Pencil cases will be printed next week
- restrictions hopefully will be lifted, we will be cautious. Optimistic.
- basic framework: talk of centennial plus back to school BBQ: feeling is that this would take away from the intention of the BBQ.
- hope to have something small that we can get community members in to reminisce

Fundraising Update (Christine)

- may be some ties in the fundraiser, so budget would be about \$800. 312 cases out, 311 sold, approx. \$13000 sold.
- Waiting for cash online payments still.
- 2 classes getting scientist in the school, and top sellers-1 in 1st, 2 in 2nd, 1 in 3rd.
- Winners will be announced when all payments come in.

Michael (Admin Report)

- thank you, council/voting members, support we get supports the school
- Grade 5 moving on ceremony-taking the lead. Corinne and Mel.
- staffing timelines: looking at next school year and what that will look like. Early immersion at JK level, things get busy after March break as we get projected numbers and staff allocation. Stay tuned!

Safe and caring schools:

- midyear check in: site review, audit of outside of building
- Traffic in parking lot: removal of round bricked area with a dead tree. Would give 3 extra spots. Any thoughts on this?
- History of this: memorial to a tragic death of a child from our school. Symbol to remind us of being safe in the parking lot. That was the intent of this raised flower bed. We don't think the impact has been what we want it to be. Can we relocate this tree or commemorate in a different way? It's the 2nd or 3rd tree that has died, so not a great place for it. Planting a tree with a plaque would allow us to grow it properly.
- Have to do more work to not forget the importance of parking lot safety, share the story of this tragic event.
- could we incorporate it into the raised flower bed location that we are doing for the Centennial? They won't be in proximity to the parking lot, only issue.
- Maybe a natural place for teachers to talk about it when they go to water the beds.
- Big job to relocate this, that would take time and cost internally for school board
- Michael to speak to community and have a conversation before proceeding

- pathway beside the skating rink-who's responsibility is it to clear/salt? That stretch is city property. It has been salted properly and to the guidance width.
- Custodian follows a map of what to clear, he has guidelines of what to do. If you are concerned about the ice we encourage families to bring child to school close to entry bell and off you go.
- Nothing we can do as a council, cannot take on that liability.
- for parents that drop off: please respect rules of TDSB: one being pets on property. Parents should support these rules and not be bystanders.

- is the sandbox kept clean? Matches were found. Part of custodian's routine to do a walk around, more so in warmer months.
- this is an education piece for students to talk about safety, what you may find in a public sandbox. We do what we can to keep it clean.

Teaching/learning:

- lot of talk around early literacy coming out of the pandemic
- Eco schools club is busy this month with: apple crunch, world water day, earth hour at the end of the month

-EQAO has returned, digital format. Grade 3 team will be learning on how to deploy the assessment effectively.

-Grade 5 graduating class composite, suggested white collared shirts. Going forward with that.

Dates:

March 8: International Women's Day

March 11: Locker and Lost & Found Clean Out

March 14-18: March Break

March 22: National Water Day – Wear Blue

March 25: Silly Hat/Hair Spirit Day

March 25: TDSB Earth Hour Day

March 29: Grade 5 Moving On Photo Day

March 30: Walk on Wednesday (WOW)

Daycare Update (Bev)

-Nenad has left the role as Director of the centre. Reena has accepted the role as Interim Director.

-Katherine has accepted the role as Interim Program Supervisor

-The Centre will continue their Anti-Racism series, titled: Black History Shouldn't Be a Mystery, The schedule of upcoming events:

Session 3: March 26th

Session 4: April 23rd

Session 5: May 14th

Session 6: June 11th

All sessions run from 2-2:30pm

Budget Update (Lindsay)

-Screen shot: Budget for this year and shows 2018-2019

-\$19500 for revenue to spend. Did we vote on the budget this year? No.

-\$500 for grade 5. Adequate funding?

-\$200 per teacher.

-\$1700 for pencil cases for centennial celebration set aside.

-Domain name-annual? Did this happen? Follow up to happen. It is a yearly cost.

- We need to allocate funds to the start of the year for the BBQ.
- May 15th deadline for spending for teachers. Michael to communicate.
- Math Up program \$899 per license. To get primary classes the final 3, junior French immersion. Lifetime license, assigned to the school. Ask is for 3 this year, and 3 next year. Michael has put aside money for 3 himself. Kindergarten program just rolled out as well. Something to think about.
- poll teachers to see what's needed for colored crayons in the classroom.
- separate fundraiser for getting instruments, possible. A concert to support the music program-future idea.
- SMART boards: some are old. No pressing issues of non-functioning boards. Interactive board is \$1800-2500, but there is new tech-should we phase in the interactive LCD panels? (We have 2 that were pilot projects through Mr. Gard). If we go that direction the purchasing department has not vetted any vendors (\$12000 each). Longevity is better and ability to interface with new tech. Not sure what we should do at the moment. Need to wait for IT and purchasing dept. Need a realistic look. We will hold off on this now.
- Classroom library: could we do a drive? Families to donate.
- Ask for keychains for all the kids to say thank you for chocolate almond campaign-\$600
- Courier bags for K-3. Set rest aside for use for new students.
- levelled books: 20 new books for each classroom. Classes do have levelled readers, just need to be updated (aged).
- Lots of resources from kindergarten have aged out. Pivot year for kindergarten as we get JK immersion.
- Can use the parent community as well to give back items to class
- Input in September of what's needed from teachers.
- Core French resources: can we beef this up? Produced in Quebec/Manitoba. For next year. These readers are different for Core French, grade 4/5. NOT French immersion.
- allocating money for one speaker for SEPT/OCT
- do we showcase what we have bought to the school community? Yes-we can take a pic of items bought and post in newsletter
- colored crayons-Sept purchase? Maybe narrow down how many classes do not have these crayons and buy for those. Allocate an amount for x amount per year. Mid-year need, some classes are fulfilled. Start fresh in September. Are there teacher prices? Cheaper prices. Try to do a bulk amount to start? Keep an amount in the office to replenish to use now. Get all staff equipped for the remainder of the year, then top up in September, then moving forward build in the amount into the teacher allocation amount. Expectation will allocate extra money to do these crayons. Would this ever come down through the system? TDSB to provide at some point? Not sure.
- Can we make sure every class is stocked up with these? It is the expectation.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. \$600 for crayons now and purchase additional in Sept: Corinne, Michael, Beverley, Saiqa, Melissa, Meagan, Corinne Frey
Full amount now \$1100: Christie, Purvi, Lindsay
VOTE IN FAVOUR OF \$600 and to re-evaluate in June
2. Carry over money for start of year: Lindsay, Purvi, Michael, Bev, Corinne, Michael, Christie, Mel. **VOTE YES FOR \$2500**
3. IPAD Chargers for kindies \$200: Corinne Frey, Melissa Churchill-Smith, Lindsay Apollinaro, Purvi Acharya, Beverley Essue, Corinne Harper Jones, Christie Carson-Ginger, Erin McMillan, Meagan Lau, Michael Kinsey, Saiqa Hazari
VOTE YES for \$200
4. Grade 5 Graduation \$800: Corinne, Mel, Corinne Harper, Christie, Purvi, Meagan, Michael, Bev, Lindsay, Mel. **VOTE YES for \$800.**
5. Courier bags \$550: Christie, Purvi, Lindsay, Michael, Corinne, Corinne, Meagan, Bev, Mel. **VOTE YES for \$550.**
6. Apples for Big crunch: Mel, Michael, Corinne, Cori, Lindsay, Bev, Meagan, Christie, Purvi, Saiqa **VOTE YES for \$200.**
7. Speaker for PRIDE \$282.50: Corinne Frey, Melissa Churchill-Smith, Lindsay Apollinaro, Purvi Acharya, Beverley Essue, Corinne Harper Jones, Christie Carson-Ginger, Erin McMillan, Meagan Lau, Michael Kinsey, Saiqa Hazari
Fall speaker as well \$282.50: Christie, Michael, Corinne, Cori, Bev, Lindsay, Saiqa, Meagan, Mel. **Vote YES for 2 speakers \$565.**
8. Bikes/Trikes: 4 trikes and a cabby, 5 in total. Can we do half the amount?
3 items: one small, one medium, twin taxi-\$1437: (Bev, Corinne Frey, Michael, Christie, Lindsay, Meagan, Purvi, Saiqa, Corinne, Mel
For all 5 \$2048: no one
VOTE YES FOR 3 items for \$1437
9. Levelled Readers for all classrooms \$3150: Mel, Cori, Michael, Corinne, Lindsay, Purvi, Bev, Christie, Meagan, Saiqa **VOTE FOR YES FOR \$3150**
10. Math up Program-Take out for now and look at this in the future: Mel, Lindsay, Corinne, Cori, Purvi, Christie, Meagan, Bev. **VOTE YES FOR THIS.**

11. Music Program \$806: Mel, Corinne, Purvi, Cori, Michael, Bev, Saiqa, Meagan, Christie, Lindsay **VOTE YES for \$806.**
12. Outdoor Kindie items \$250 (up to teachers' discretion on how to spend, but items will be kept in the communal bunker for everyone): Mel, Bev, Purvi, Corinne, Michael, Meagan, Cori, Saiqa, Christie, Lindsay **VOTE YES for \$250.**
13. Keychains for every student for almond fundraiser \$600: no one. **VOTE NO for \$600.**

Open Forum

No new business.

Next Meeting: April 11th at 6:30pm