



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 19th, 2022

Attendance:

Voting members:

Melissa Churchill-Smith, Lindsay Apollinaro, Purvi Acharya, Meagan Lau, Corinne Frey, Saiqa Hazari, Sara Chow, Christie Carson-Ginger

Christine Sheehan, Sara Durbano, Julie Monpierre, Japmeen Johal, Michael Kanalec, Bev Myhal, Stacey Lortz, Corinne Harper Jones, Colin D’Mello, Pallavi Mhaisalkar, Emerson Duncan, Megan Shanahan, Benjamin Howse, Michelle Paul, Alexandra Iorgu, Amanda Montbleau, Jessica Singh, Sarah Harwood, Lauren Rovas, Melissa Bangma, *Melissa Ritchie*

Approval of Agenda- Lindsay, Corinne, Purvi, Mel, Saiqa, Megan L, Christie, Cori

Approval of minutes-Lindsay, Corinne, Purvi, Mel, Christie, Megan, Cori

Co-Chair Update-Corinne Frey

-this is our last meeting of this year. October will be the vote for the new council for this school year

-we sent an email vote to the current voting members to amend the policy for co-chair eligibility. New policy is that anyone who was a voting member last year is eligible for all exec positions this year.

-Voting process: the welcome package has is a self-nomination form, fill it out and email to SAB email account. October meeting: new council to be voted in.

-Previous years a shadow has been in place for the co-chair, but this year we did not have this. We will use past chairs for help. Don’t shy away if you don’t know policies/procedures, learn as you go and use your resources.

-Other positions: Treasurer and Secretary and 2 co-chairs up this year. These people work together to narrow down ideas and then it goes out to the bigger group/voting members

-There is also a Fundraising position, and a Communications role (has been 2 people in the past), and then voting member seats. Every parent is a member of parent council, all always welcome to meetings and to bring new ideas. BUT if you would like to be more involved and part of the voting process/decision making then nominate yourself!

Welcome back BBQ

- October 6th, meet the teachers
- Thanks to those who have contributed already
- volunteers: we need 2 grillers. We need 2 from 5:30pm-7pm to BBQ. We will also have a wrapping team, will take the food and wrap up
- email SAB account (one person volunteered to grill, will email).
- if you are a voting 12 member you need to sign up.
- Bake sale table: non-members please contribute, send an email with your name and what you can bring to the school council email
- is there a contingency plan with rain? Yes, in the gym, served through the kitchen.

Lunch programs

PIZZA (Melissa R)

- these will be run through the new council being voted in, but we have done initial setup
- the new council can decide if they want more programs
- pizza will be every other Friday (run by Melissa R)
- Melissa: need volunteers! We will have a 10:30 set up, 11:10am first lunch, end at 12:30pm
- you need a police check to volunteer for this
- 10-12 people are ideal to run this, please email: sabpizzalunch@gmail.com
- cash online program is getting ready for people; you will have time to order before we start
- everything is done in advance, no cash payments
- If you started the school in November, could you opt in in Jan? We will work with new families
- order for the entire year, no refunds given

HOT DOG LUNCH (Melissa R)

- only 2 for the year
- one before the holiday break and one after. They will be on a Wednesday. Volunteers needed. We need more prep for this. We have to cook the hot dogs and cut up veggies.
- you will get an email when the cash online program is ready
- only hot dog and a veggie cup, no drink boxes this year

LUNCH LADY (Meagan L)

- self running program through this organization
- Tuesday and Thursdays, you can order up to the Monday before or cancel the day of
- 30 options for the kids, order through thelunchlady.ca, find your teacher's name
- we get .25 cents for every lunch ordered
- about \$900 made in the past

Questions on lunch programs?

-Do we have to commit to all the pizza days for volunteering? No. Just come. Email will be sent on Monday to ask for Friday once you have come.

-police check: what is this? You can pick up at the front office. \$20 money order, through the TDSB police office, they submit it. How long does the process take? Depends, not a concrete answer, but while we wait, and your application is in process Michael can allow you to help in the lunch situations.

-great thing to do because you can help on class trips, in the class, etc.

-the fee is one-time thing, you just must do an annual declaration every year, good to grade 12.

-if we had a police check pre covid, are we good? Anyone on the database, send Michael an email, the board has been lenient, and you should be able to do your declaration. You can do it over email.

Grade 5 frozen yogurt program-there is not a committee yet for the Grade 5's. Anyone with a grade 5 want to run the program? Megan Lau to take on. I

-If you want to help the moving on committee, please consider. We will build this team in October.

-Frozen yogurt was \$1 every Friday

Christie (Diversity)

-goal is to have 3 speakers for diversity and inclusion for this year

-Jonathan Hood: Anti racism speaker, we learned that in school is appealing and better attended. He is on parental leave and moving to Nova Scotia. We don't know if this is going to work. Looking for another speaker on anti-racism. If anyone knows someone, send us a message.

-Michael to give the list of approved people as the TDSB has tightened up who comes into the school

-future date we will have an equity plan

-non-paid speakers are always welcomed. Anything parents have to offer is welcomed.

-we saw with Covid that parents could share online, come into the classroom, read a story, etc., so that is an option as well.

Lindsay-Budget

-updated budget: Fundraising money to come in this year projected with previous years -\$9300 open balance.

-lunches are back for incoming funds

-new council will vote on fundraising and where to allocate

-fundraising: chocolate almonds looking into this for the fall

- purchased another round of color of the world crayons
- purchased courier bags for this year
- current budget at \$9300-we typically spend all money in the current year, but with Covid we were allowed to carry over the money.
- PROPOSAL: use a portion of our money towards Junglesport. It is a program we have done in the past. They come in for a week and set up in the school gym. K-3 can do low ropes program, builds confidence and teamwork. Grades 4-5 can put harnesses on and are able to do the upper courses, rock climbing wall, etc.
- What's great is that every student gets to do it. Their class would get 3 times over the week to come in and do it.
- this current council has the surplus to do it and we would love to put the money towards this
- everything is sanitized, and it is a reputable/professional company. Safety, building confidence are their mottos
- at the moment they are not a TDSB vendor, but they are getting their permit renewed in the next 2 weeks. We would like to get in queue as they book fast!
- Looking at Nov/Dec \$4700, Jan-\$4900
- Questions- How much time? it is a modified timetable over the week. They set up in the morning to be for each age throughout the day
- Have we considered the impact on other programs that use the gym?
Biggest impact would be the lunchroom. We would sort it out.
- VOTE FOR YES: Saiqa, Mel, Cori, Corinne, Megan, Christie, Lindsay
- nice fun thing to bring back for kids after Covid

Safety at SAB (discussion from June)

- graffiti at the school
- there are no outside cameras at SAB, so we started the conversation.
- Update? The talk at the meeting was enough to trigger the initial conversation. Caring and safe school's department was contacted by Michael, they sent his request to someone that deals with security in schools. They then did a walk about at the school, understanding the unique setting (multi-use facility, with lots of alcoves) we have. His suggestion is 3 cameras. 1. Near the dumpster (sail shade area), wall mounted(2nd floor or above), 2. Exit no 2, end of the west colas and 3. Around the front entrance, over the main walkway/kindie yard.
- Price falls onto the school. \$7000-9000, told him we were interested. Need to circle back to him and find out next steps. Out of the school budget, monitoring by the principal/vice. Fed into our computers, responsible for footage and passing it along.
- Can council contribute? Not sure.
- broken glass around the arches, can something be done? We will let the custodial team know to do a walk about. Hopefully the camera will be a deterrent.

- could council get a sign (cameras monitoring) to help deter? Possibly.
- notices would be installed for the community to know
- only person that owns the images is Michael

Daycare (Shannon)

No daycare updates

Michael Admin Report

- Welcome back!
- Thank you's to:
 - communication team with all the info at the start of the year.
 - council with welcome package, all the volunteers for the lunch programs
 - all the families
 - all the council members, to Paul-through the pandemic and many years of service

- welcoming back some old staff and new members
- if you have 75 min a day, we need lunchroom supervisors! If you know anyone let us know

Safe and caring schools:

- last few years focus has been covid
- back to common sense now, if you are ill stay home. We depend on families/community/staff to work hard to keep everyone safe. Without a fever and symptoms and feeling better over 24 hours you can return to school. You must mask when you come back if you were positive.
- First 10 days of school: we are very particular with kids with health alerts. Make sure your child's teacher knows. We have taken pictures of those with life threatening allergies

Communication

- permission click from TDSB, online forms, please do
- hard copy package from the school for SAB-complete please
- council welcome back package, lunch info. Cash online will be published this week. You will receive an email for cash online. Live this week. Thanks to Lindsay for organizing.
- Hard copies of everything are available, contact the office.
- school council forms can be provided as well.

Teaching and Learning

- met with new director of education, Russell-Rawlins

-she streamlined everything into 2 priorities: 1. Joy, engagement and belonging (3, 4 and year old's). Focus on reading, junior level stem achievement, overall learning recovery. These are our priorities.

-other things we are talking about: Terry Fox run, Day of Reconciliation. Conversations happening, presentation coming on the 29th. More details to come.

-school enrollment met the projections, no need to shuffle classes. Any new switches would happen in October.

-Sarah Harwood-library. October 6th- Fall fun day. Morning or afternoon.

-library is back for the kids, can go everywhere in the library again

-getting to know our collection and what we need. Need French early readers, some early chapter books grades 1-3.

-Book exchange starting this week, bringing home books. Will get a letter.

-Phys ed: walk on Wednesday, last Wednesday of the month. Walking school bus to start. Goal to arrive 8:20am. Will be an email with information. Starting the 28th.

-the kids can walk laps if they take the bus

-library cards: do they need to photocopy? Yes. Drop by anytime and register.

Questions:

Question: What about intermural, extra curriculars?

They are back! More robust at a k-8 school, but we have a great teacher base to run teams.

-Grade 4 and 5 is the lowest the league goes, so that's the entry. Boys and girls soccer, cross country.

-KM club for grades 1-5

-running club for kids 1-5, tied into cross country. This is for anyone.

-can we communicate to the parents about these programs?

-as the kids get older, we can't micromanage. They must learn how to navigate themselves. Announcements are made for these kids to learn how to manage themselves

-there is criteria for kids to make cross country so everyone is safe. Grades 1-5, October 3rd or 4th. Bus shuttling. Grades 1-3 only 1 run. Grades 4 and 5 can go further.

Question: What are the rules for playground?

-lots of different teachers supervising so yes, the rules may be different.

-Climbing on top would be a no and inversions. Monkey bars hand over hand.

Question: Do you know about reading interventions about supporting early literacy?

-message that something is in the works, we don't know what it looks like

-hoping we will get a roll out of training for our teachers

- we would like to get more teachers trained
- focus on early reading program for grade 1's, is this in place to roll out this year? Literacy push? Yes, English and French
- During library will we encourage kids to pick their own level? We have some gaps at the library, the letter will show you how to support your child. Sometimes kids bring a book they just want. Reading to your child is also great.
- Budget: we are supporting the classes with levelled readers that kids can bring to their classrooms.
- Je lis, je lis. Every child has access to this program. Great resource.
- Can we bring back the parents to read to the kids? Julie can run with another teacher. Partners in reading program.
- Will reading buddies come back? Informal program that teachers join together.

Dates

September

28– Terry Fox Walk/Run

30 – Orange Shirt Day

October

3 – Re-organization Day

6 – Council Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher Evening

7 – PA Day

10 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Next Meeting: October 17th at 6:30pm

Voting in new council