



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes- Sept 27th, 2021

Attendance:

Lindsay Apollinaro*, Melissa Churchill-Smith*, Sarah Vandervoort*, Corinne Frey*, Michael Kanalec, Julie Monpierre, Michael Kinsey, Purvi Acharya*, Christine Sheehan, Ocean Lama, Colin Jessie, Colin D'mello, Lauren Rovas, Kyle Shuli Xu, Nenad Brkljaca, Hilary Gubins, Stacey Lortz, Saiqa Hazari, Melissa Ritchie, Will Cleghorn, Rebecca Stewart, Karmen Pestotnik, Megan Lau, Gigi H, Lisa Lorefice, Sarah Ackerman, Amanda Brown, Erin Mcmillan, Beverley Essue*, Brooke Hilditch, Christie Carson-Ginger, Melissa Macks, L Spence, Japmeen Johal, Melissa Bangma, Bev Myhal, Corinne Harper Jones, Sara Chow, Steve Zulauf, Wendy Bishop, Michelle Paul, Sara Durbano

*2020-2021 Voting Members

Approval of Agenda- Melissa, Sarah, Lindsay, Michael, Cori

Approval of minutes- Melissa, Sarah, Lindsay, Cori, Michael

Financials-Lindsay

-\$36000 start of the year, spent \$31000-bought chrome books, 20 purchased. We typically do not start the year with a balance, only had that much money due to COVID and not being able to spend on the normal things we do.

-supported classroom activities (\$7300), science in school, resources, moving on ceremony and parent workshops

-\$600 raised passively

-\$6000 leftover to spend. Will have to fundraise if we want to support classrooms.

-update signatures for council

Fundraising-Melissa R

-QSP back this year-magazine subscription service

-in 2018 we raised roughly \$10000

- no paper orders, online and QSP will send a cheque
- no prizes this year, should we look into something?? Good motivator for kids.
- Nothing will be sent home this year, all word of mouth. Send it to everyone you know ☺
- email Melissa with any questions (melissaanneritchie@gmail.com)
- with every order 40% is donated back to SAB, this was what it has been in the past, will double check. YES confirmed.
- additional 3% back because there are no prizes

-optional, there is a link in the welcome package if you would like to donate one time to the school, through cash online. This is an option if you do not want to participate in the fundraising during the year.

COMMUNICATIONS (Beverley/Purvi)

- we use Facebook a lot as a communications team, please join!
- welcome package out, we are working on the website, and going to update the old fundraisers
- buy domain name?? Did we do that? Next step: go to Mr. Gard, do it with him to get the name from him. Michael will regenerate the email to get that done.
- How did you decide to come to the meeting? Email and FB
- Sept 30th-Orange Shirt Day-will amplify through FB if helpful, messaging coming out tomorrow.

There have been daily announcements about this, and we will send an email to families.

- parenting workshops: we used council funds to support families. We did them at the end of the year. Looking at doing them earlier this year so we can prepare money wise and booking people in advance.
- we will bring the topic areas back to the group, 7-8 topics we discussed last year. You can email them as well with any ideas (sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Council nominations-we will vote at the next meeting. It is a self-nomination process.

12 parent council voting members, endless number of people to participate. The 12 voting members listen to new ideas that come to the board, vote on spending of funds

Positions available: 2 executive co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, communication coordinators, fundraising coordinator, new position-equity seat (inclusion, racism)

Equity position (new)-Policy 278 from TDSB-we will use as a base on how we respond to incidents instead of us creating coles notes. We will share it all. We have an active equity committee with the staff.

We have asked staff to join-vision is that it works with the daycare committee and the school council equity person. We will have representation from each faucet.

-What will committee do? Development for staff and responsibilities as staff.

Make sure inclusion is happening. We are focusing on this. Council did work with surveys to share with the community, shared with staff and participated in the learning from the workshops(anti-racism). Work on microaggressions, smallest levels of this, awareness of responses to this.

-would the board support the policy 278 with funds for schools? Are funds available to councils now that the policy is changing? Nothing has come up, Michael can ask the question at the principal meeting

-all schools participate in the training on the policy (was done on the pd days in Sept), funding has gone there, it was a top priority for staff to get these expectations

-continuing the work- we participate in monthly learning, always equity work here and then it will flow down to the staff at monthly staff meetings. We are setting the tone for this.

-keep our eyes open for any grants available for topics such as this

Michael (Admin Report)

-welcome to all the new families

-thank you to those to get the package done and Melissa for running QSP

-**Staffing:** we welcomed a few new staff: Mme Matthews-prep delivery, Ms.Steinaca-4/5 English, Ed assistant/special needs-full time Ms. Holmes, welcome back Mrs. Botham and Mme Ovalles.

-So nice to be back in person, the kids are so happy.

Safe, Caring and Accepting schools (Lauren Rovas)

-Being an advocate

-promoting equity, well-being and achievement.

-Sept 3 we were able to learn to be activists as teachers

-reading The name jar-coming to school where everyone feels included

-school has spent \$3000 on extra books for the school, monthly assembly we have classes present equity work and advocating for one another

-we want families to participate

-Terry Fox run on Sept 29th

-Orange shirt-Sept 30th

-November-Indigenous Education Month

COVID

- SickKids saliva testing program: SAB selected to participate
- powerpoint will be posted on the website for families to review
- weekly webinars available that families can participate with SickKids, you can ask questions in a live forum
- program starting October 11
- encourage you to participate in the webinar and review the PowerPoint again
- they would like samples back within 24 hours. Within 1-2 days at room temp.
- will kids that show symptoms do these tests? Runny nose removed. Symptoms are a must go to the wellness room, and test kit will be given. Gray area: exhibiting other symptoms, larger list, those kids may not be isolated, err on side of caution and should be sent home. Would these kids get that kit? Don't know, going to find out.

Communications:

- we have done an amazing job controlling the outbreak. Commend everyone on this.
- welcome back message communicated.

- next communication will be on reintroduction of centennial committee. 2021 marks the school's 100 anniversary. We are moving forward in planning!
- Mme Monpierre has a leadership role in the centennial celebration:
- before the pandemic ideas were shared: open house, garden, artistic piece, dance, teachers doing researching, nothing is concrete right now. April 30th, 2022 is the date for the open house. This is usually around the spring dance night (Friday).
- if we have a lot of people we will break down into groups: artifacts, budget, etc.
- need to decide on locations, where to have the dance, where to have the open house. Concourse and gym.
- need to have communications with Michael and cochairs, trustees.
- at this point we are just reintroducing the idea.
- 2022 celebration, support from the council.
- we will have a contingency plan if we can't do these things in person
- money to this?? Do we need to do dedicated fundraising to this? Did we decide? on an amount last year? Questions for new council
- \$5000 artist and it would take 2 weeks to complete an art project in the school
- sign up sheet, people choosing where they want to help in the 5 areas. Depends on how many people want to be involved.

- time capsule? Every class to put something in.
- More to come.....

Teaching/learning:

- welcoming back students that haven't been back to a classroom for awhile
- wellness and well being
- teachers into assessments for learning to see where they are going forward, running their programs.

Dates:

- October 4: COVID Q&A with Mr. Kanalec 4pm
- October 11: Thanksgiving-SCHOOL CLOSED
- October 12: Reorganization Day
- October 14: Virtual Classroom Open House
- October 25: School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- October 30: Spirit Day-In class costumes (Tentative-more details to come)
- November 5: Photo Day (no class photo)

Questions for Michael:

- Outbreak status-how long does that last? Definition of an outbreak is 2 or more cases that can be possibly linked. Sept 24 got that email of outbreak. Issuing this when the cohort returned on that Friday the class came back. Status was offered to us because of the proximity of the positive. What it means: we get more resources from TPH because we have this status.
- When all the cases have resolved and returned to school, end of this week that will happen.
- We stay in queue with TPH.
- Can we say as parents to other parents it was two cases in same cohort?
- Privacy component- messaging from Michael will always be there. Michael has concerns about messaging from social media/playground. Breeds inconsistencies. Reach out to school directly for up-to-date info. Ensure privacy is not breached. We follow protocols. Redirect to the source.
- policy to communicate where the covid case is: operational guidelines, 3 template letters we get. Confirmed lab case: Michael can make the call and dismiss the cohort, either send a cover letter to the school community that we got a case and he can send a letter to the class that there is a case and a follow up letter once TPH is involved, letter to the class from a TPH view.
- Covid talk? Question period for new parents.

- Cindy is our liaison for TPH. Will see if she is available. Google meet session in an open forum with Michael.
- cleaning after a case? Immediate deploy extra hours/personnel to come do a deep clean more than a daily basis.
- Halloween this year? Bound by guidelines that change twice a week. Not sure, must wait.
- teachers work hard to keep our kids safe. After school play: please wear masks, don't get too comfortable, on school property always wear a mask and social distance.

Daycare (Nenad)

- October AGM Oct 27th, virtual event.
- changed our hours, 7am-6pm as of Sept. More service to families in the morning with school starting early.
- artist completed the bunker by kindie yard.
- first summer with programs including SAB families, success. Many families still at home, we will continue with this summer programming. Goal is to offer to the community.
- offering more services. Looking at getting an infant program. Architect is working on drawings. We will look at 2022 infant programs. We will then have all programs.

Open Forum

- Macmillan's? New council to look at.

Next Meeting:

October 25th at 6:30pm