



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes- February 8th, 2021

Attendance:

Corinne Frey*, Bev Myhal, Lindsay Apollinaro*, Teresa Silveira, Purvi Acharya, Melissa Bangma, Bevelery Essue*, Christine Sheehan, Sara Durbano*, Michael Kinsey, Melissa Churchill-Smith*, Sarah Vandervoort*, Japmeen Johal*, Amber Pashuk, Nenad B, Corinne Harper Jones*

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS (Purvi and Beverly)

-we currently use a Gmail account for parent council, but we have been able to apply for a TDSB email account, which then allow us to hold ZOOM calls (for webinars, instead of through Michael). Working to be able to use this tool to message parents and ZOOM. This will allow us to improve communication and take Michael out of it.

-Webinars: we have 2 booked. 1) Raising Resilient kids-March 4th and 2) Anti-Racism-Jonathan Hood on Feb 17th. Save the date is online, council corner and will work with Michael to organize platform and registration. We need to report on the impact of the workshop, we are working on what that looks like. How might we get parent feedback from this workshop? Share ideas. We need support in spreading these workshops-we are paying for these, so we want good attendance. Targeted at parents. Should we share with partner schools (no limit on people)? Through council? Michael to flip to his principals and they can send out. We will pass along to neighbouring schools (Lanor, James S Bell, John English) St Ambrose, daycare as well.

-use school ZOOM account, ours won't be ready for the first one

-link invite to be sent once you register

-Social Media: took feedback from survey, trying to use as a communication tool. Use as much as possible to communicate with parents.

Website: Thanks to Michael we were able to do a council page. We've done content. Left Word press site up and just done a link to new page. Updated with the web. Missing minutes from some minutes. Copy SAB Gmail account with communications.

-Mr. Gard ran the old website, he purchased that domain name. He is releasing the name and wants to know if the council wants to purchase the domain name. Price? Terms?

Fundraising (Tracy)

-2 fundraisers running at the moment, potential other fundraiser to run: ringkeeper-offered 15% back to council for all sales, Promo code: SAB. Just another option for online platform. On the table for the moment, possibly add to online vendor if we do it

-Do we have a process for deciding how many fundraisers to do? Do we want a process? No we don't. This COVID year we are just flying by the seat of our pants.

Michael (Admin Report)

-Thank you to everyone-funding upcoming webinar.

-Staffing: Amira Kamel-Zia: we send her well wishes to her at her new school. No replacement at the moment.

Safe and caring schools:

-re-opening next week: we are focused on coming back to in person. There will be clear direction to come on guidelines for returning

-language on new screening document: key questions are moving to household not just individual student

-hard copies to come home first day, so use what you had at Christmas for the first day back to screen

-return borrowed device day: instead of bringing the first day they are collecting on Friday, February 12th

Teaching/learning:

- African and Chinese heritage month-teachers are celebrating diversity in their classes
- in newsletter: Grade 3 virtual-CCAT put on hold for now, no updates as of yet and will communicate when I hear
- TDSB may communicate to parents directly about the CCAT, let Michael know if you hear anything
- back to school: will be time spent in reviewing routines and procedures for COVID
- mental health: this is a big push to getting kids back to school, look forward to having kids back safely
- important to model the messages as parents, thank you for continuing to distance and wear masks at drop off/pick ups

Communications

- website relaunched: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/siradambeck>
- online interview portal being used for parent/teacher interviews, parents getting used to this
- Kindergarten registration (FEB), as many enrolled for JK for planning, gives us a good idea

Dates:

- Feb 8-reports sent home
- Feb 11-Spirit day-Red and White day, COVID webinar from board
- Feb 12-PA day
- Feb 15-Family Day
- Feb 16-Return to in person school
- Feb 17-Council webinar: Anti-racism
- March 4-Council webinar: Raising Resilient Kids
- March 15-19-March Break
- March 26-Crazy Hat/Hair Spirit Day

Questions for Michael:

- Ventilation: has anything been done in classrooms? Our head caretaker is extremely on top of our ventilation system, even pre COVID, filters replaced consistently, he goes over and above. He makes sure this aspect is covered. From the TDSB: all the classrooms are external classrooms with windows. Teachers asked to open the windows. Kids should come with an extra hoodie.

Final thing on this is that we received a HEPA air quality filter for the wellness room. This is the room used if someone has any symptoms.

Daycare (Shannon)

- Providing emergency childcare since January
- we have had children from the Peel board, Catholic board, etc. challenging to get everyone set up with systems, but we have managed
- this emergency childcare is ending this week (back to SAB kids), but we would do it again if there were another closure
- 24 Kindie age and 25 school age in a classroom at this time
- head custodian is amazing: helping the daycare as well, in there working hard-thank you!
- we were there to support communities and we are thankful for this

Lindsay-Budget

- started year at \$36000, spent \$20000 so far
- \$2100 left to budget, not included are funds from this year that we will raise
- Indigo \$994-taken as gift cards
- Mabel's Labels to look at
- Still, lots of teacher spends to be accounted for with their budgets

Open Forum

- Grade 5 committee: get the ball rolling, Mel to organize
- Domain name: only \$15, Vote: Sarah, Lindsay, Corinne, Cori, Michael, Beverly, Japmeen, Sara, Mel. PASSED to get the domain name.
- should we skip the March meeting: don't need a meeting to discuss anything at this point, as there isn't anything big coming up. Vote to skip: Mel, Sara, Corinne, Corinne, Lindsay, Sarah, Michael, Beverly, Japmeen. PASSED to skip March meeting.
- Come into April with an event idea if we can do anything.

Next Meeting: April 12th at 6:30pm