

## SAB School Council

### Meeting Minutes: October 2020

#### Acknowledgement:

#### ATTENDANCE – total 16

\*Kristen Fox, \*Paul Younger, Michael Kanalec (Principal), \*Melissa Churchill-Smith, Teresa Silveira, \*Purvi Acharya, Becky Morley, \*Sara Durbano, Corinne Harper Jones, \*Lindsay Apollinaro \*Corinne Frey, \*Sarah Vandervoort, \*Michael Kinsey, \*Eddy Sousa, Tracy Saunders, Tammy Wong

*\*2019-2020 Council Executive members*

**Start time:** 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of agenda:** Melissa Churchill-Smith, Corinne Frey

**Approval of minutes:** Kristen Fox, Michael Kinsey

#### Funds Raised in 2019/2020:

- Required to use funds before the end of the 2020/2021 school year
- As of today, there is \$36,400 in the council bank account
- Suggestion for Chromebooks for each Grade 1-5 classroom – Need 60 Chromebooks – 5 Chromebooks x 12 classrooms (**Voted in favour of spending council funds on Chromebooks**)
  - Several parents are investigating where Chromebooks may be purchased at a “cost effective” rate
  - Mr Kanalec to request specs from Mr Gard
- Suggestion for increasing teacher/ECE allotment from \$200 to \$400 (**Voted in favour of increasing council allotment per teacher/ECE to \$400**)
- Suggestion for a boot tray for each child to keep the floor dry
- Suggestion for online parent engagement – will also help to keep virtual school families connected
- Suggestion for ponchos for wet weather – either a full class set or a handful per class

#### 2020-2021 Council Elections:

- Elections rules slightly different for this year
- 12 voting members initially, then executive members voted in from that list
- Information regarding council and notification of election to be sent to families this week – Purvi has a template that has been used in the past
- Elections will take place at the next meeting – November 9, 2020

#### Principal’s Report – Mr Kanalec

##### Thanks to:

- School council executive and parent/guardian volunteers for your ongoing support of school initiatives.
  - School Re-Opening Procedures

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- Continuing promoting the need in recruiting Lunchroom Supervisors

#### Staffing

- TDSB announcement – next option to switch between in person and virtual school at the end of January 2021
  - SAB student population remained the same after the October 13 switch date
- Effective November 9, 2020, all school officers (SET and CSLOs) will be redeployed to frontline Primary Response Unit activities
- Office Vacancy – missing 0.5 Office Administrator

#### Safe and Caring Schools

- COVID Operational Guidelines – policies and procedures change regularly, and Mr K will send updates to families, as needed
- Back to School Confirmation Form – if students are off with COVID-related symptoms, they are required to submit this form when returning to school

#### SAB Communications

- Funding for FDK playground has been secured and the completion of the project will resume shortly
  - Council will communicate this with families via social media – there have been a lot of questions regarding this situation

#### Teaching and Learning

- Changes to reporting policy for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - *The purpose of this memo is to provide a Kindergarten to Grade 8 Reporting Schedule for 2020-2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has created exceptional circumstances for teaching and learning. A staggered start to the school year, and students adjusting to a modified learning environment due to provincial public health guidelines, has created some many challenges. We acknowledge that the return to school (face-to-face or virtual) will take some time and the early part of the school year may focus on mental health, well-being and the development of a safe, inviting and inclusive learning community. The rate of progress during this school year may differ from previous years due to the impact of COVID-19 on student learning.*
- Outdoor Learning – increase in Health and Physical Education programming. The need to be prepared to participate outdoors regularly despite the weather

#### School Events / Activities

##### October

- 31 – Black and Orange Spirit Day
- Classroom Colour Challenge

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- Junior/Primary classrooms paired together and working together virtually to complete this challenge

### **November**

- 11 – Remembrance Day will be recognized in class (in lieu of an assembly)
- 20 – P.D. Day

### **Daycare Report – Tammy Wong**

- FDK Playground will be completed soon

### **Treasurer's Update – Melissa Churchill-Smith**

- No update

### **New Business**

- How to keep virtual school families connected to SAB? – Virtual engagement sessions (What do families need right now?)
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on hold – council will put money aside for the event

**Next Council Meeting:** November 9th

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:28 pm