

## **Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes - Wed 7 Feb @ 6:30 pm Virtual**

**Attending:** Ted Mercer; Alexandra Smith Sakellis; Gloria Camilleri (Staff); Jackie Stafford (Staff); Christine Howe; Danna Breadworth; Tiffany Kress; Loriann Halliday; Darren Berger; Luciana Boschetti; Niloofar Arshadi; Julie Boeckmann; Jenni Sirenko; Raveen Kalra; Melissa McCready; Nicole Hylmar; Heather McCourt; Sarah Miller; Ciara ???; Kelly MacIntosh

### **1. Approval of Minutes & Land Acknowledgement - Tiffany Kress & Loriann Halliday**

- Approval of November 2023 minutes - Ted Mercer & Julie Boeckmann
- Approval of January 2024 Agenda - Alex Smith & Ted Mercer

### **2. Staff Update - Jackie Stafford & Gloria Camilleri**

- Staff changes (Jessica Lowes is now on maternity leave. Sundip Lacchar will take over the position in February. Temporary retired teachers will fill in until then. Rhona Nicholson has now retired and new SNA is Sandra Carr.)
  - Dance & Culture company did afrobeats workshops
  - Gr 4&5 - cuban and brazilian percussion workshops in April
- Extra curricular - Sports - Gloria
  - Gymnastics - Feb 26 - March 8. Kids who normally eat in the gym will eat in their classrooms for those two weeks.
  - Gr 5 doing a performance/talent show on Feb 23 for parents. Other groups (fordyce, copeland and Breau together and camilleri, ??? together) after the march break
  - Hockey - Evans and Copeland. 12 boys & 4 girls. Tournament is Feb 27 at Malvern. Feb 15 and 22 at 8:00 am practices at Ford Performance available for any player, open to children not playing in tournament.
  - Boys basketball. Tournery feb 21 at Wedgwood. Feb 13 and 14 practices before school.
  - Chess club on Tuesdays at lunch Gr 3, 4 & 5. Not really about teaching; it's learning from each other. At least until March break and hopefully after if interested.
  - Piano club Thursdays Gr 3, 4 or 5 to play, listen. At least until March break and hopefully after if interested.
  - Girls volleyball. Tournament Feb 28. Copeland also doing this.
  - Fordyce - doing friendship bracelets with own class.
  - Fordyce and school social worker looking to start Gr 4 Girl Power - meet and do journaling - \$18 per student. Will also do with Gr 5 Girls
  - Mrs Maclean and Camilleri starting games club or learn to draw with Gr 2s before march break and after with Gr 1s. This is during recess.
- Safety
  - Bullet incident - well handled by the school. The police that arrived to investigate the situation were very thorough. A reminder was given to the children to not pick up unknown items from the ground and to let an adult know immediately if they uncover anything out of the ordinary.
  - A staff member was trying to leave and he was blocked in - remind people to park in visitors or on Grenview in 15 minute parking.
  - People parking on Humbervale south of school in no parking zone.
- Parent-Teacher interviews
  - Thursday 14th and Friday 15th. Teachers are trying to spread the meetings out a little
  - Report cards go out on Tuesday
- Kindergarten Registration
  - Feb 22nd and 27th between 1 and 5 for children born in 2019 and 2020
- Gr 1 Reading workshop - 10-12 people attended
  - Kindergarten edition on Feb 29
- PA day scheduled for Apr 19 moved to Apr 8 because of /Solar Eclipse
- Graduation - June 25th at 1:00 pm
  - Photo day on May 22nd
  - No overlap with Parklawn or Norseman
  - Parents normally organise a party after graduation; no association with the school
- Photographer feedback - no strong opinions, can continue to use

- Raveen - is there an opportunity to look at paid clubs like the TCDSB and some other TDSB schools?
  - Jackie did it before at prior school and it was complicated logistically

### **3. Treasurer's Report - Christine McCarthy-Howe & Joanna Downs**

- Review the balance sheet
  - Cash Flow presented and no questions
- Requests
  - Dance & Culture - Asian Heritage Month - \$480
  - Girls Club - cost of books for 11 girls is \$200. If do Gr 5 girls, will need another \$200.
  - Welcome to Kindergarten bags - cost is \$688 (compared to \$728 last year) - books, activities, hat, scissors, magnetic letters. Newsletters tied to the bags. \$18 each. Buy 32 or 33 of them. Any extra sunglasses leftover to include? Could look.
    - Alex Smith offered to help with reviewing bags for next year
  - Decodable books - books mirror the teaching of complex sounds. FlyLeaf is gold standard and it is expensive. Have purchased a less expensive option, Syllasense (<https://syllasense.com/>) that is good. Got 300 books for \$1,690. Last year invested \$1350 and year prior was \$844; 3 years ago, invested over \$3,000 in books.
    - Biggest struggle for funds is athletics because student council can't pay for supply teachers.
  - Had to replace two laptops for teachers - \$958 total. These attach to the whiteboards.
  - Upcoming next year will need a number of new student Chromebooks. \$6K last year.
    - Jackie, can you estimate how many you will require each year.
    - \$4,016 requested and approved.

### **4. Fundraising - Kelly McIntosh**

- Goose Chase update
  - spread the word, especially to younger grades. Feb 22 to 25th. There will be staggered registration fees offered to appeal to everyone.

### **5. Other**

- lunch order update (Alex Smith)
  - Lunch Lady was resounding winner of parent's vote
  - \$0.25 donation per order
  - Can start beginning of March or after March Break

### **6. Closing - next meeting Apr 10th (no meeting in March) 7:25**