

Sunnylea Junior School Council Meeting Minutes - Wed 10 Jan @ 6:30 pm Virtual

Attending: Joanna Downs; Ted Mercer; Cathy Gulli (Parent Observer); Hajni Bowers; Alexandra Smith Sakellis; Gloria Camilleri (Staff); Jackie Stafford (Staff); Christine Howe; Danna Breadworth; Tiffany Kress; Loriann Halliday; Anna Maxfield; Darren Berger; Erin Donovan; Karen Tee; Kerry Knox; Luciana Boschetti; Niloofar Arshadi; Shaila Ahmed; Somayeh Sadat

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

- Approval of November 2023 minutes - Danna Breadworth & Luciana Boschetti
- Approval of January 2024 Agenda - Erin Donovan and Kerry Knox

2. Staff Update - Jackie Stafford & Gloria Camilleri

- Staff changes
 - Ms Lowes baby update - Matthew Thomas Steptow
 - Mrs Barker covering for Ms. Lowes
 - Then Mrs Jenkins (retired teacher) back as well
 - Hope is to have Sunny Lakar (prior teacher) back as well to complete coverage
 - Mrs Nicholson retiring. Sandra Carr covering until end of the school year
- Feedback on Paul Davis presentation
 - Very passionate about what he does; very clear message; strong message about parent's responsibility. Good takeaways for parents.
 - Some people liked that he was putting the onus for keeping children off devices and social media on the parents; others thought it was too much
 - Appreciated kids hearing the message from someone other than parents
 - Some thought the message hasn't evolved sufficiently in the last four years, yet technology has changed.
 - Would have liked to hear more about cyber-bullying
 - Message was clear and helpful in terms of what amount of time on devices is too much
 - Glad that he was urging parents to slow down their kid's exposure to social media and devices
 - Appreciated the legal ages for different components
- Extra curricular - Sports - Gloria
 - Boys basketball. Tourney feb 5
 - Hockey - one team only. 12 boys and 4 girls. Couple morning practices for all interested players. End of february.
 - Girls Basketball - first sunnylea boys or girls to qualify for city finals in 15 years. 10 grade 5s and 1 grade 4. Rewarding coaching experience as played in a beautiful facility - Hoopdome
 - Mr. Davidson and Ms. Lowes did boys volleyball. Won some tough games and represented Sunnylea with sportsmanship and should be proud of themselves. Starting girls volleyball this week.
 - Gymnastics - gym well equipped. Lots of training for teachers before they can use it. Kids learning some of the skills. Will be some messaging to parents around rules, clothing to wear, etc. Will be available for gym classes between Feb 26 - March 13.

- Outdoor education
 - Two classes heading to ESA to Ms Breau's class is getting dance perf and workshop. Ms. Akinyode's class going for dance perf part.
 - Four classes heading to outdoor Ed centre. Warren park - jane and dundas area. Breau, Copeland on Jan 24. Elango and Mohan on Jan 31st. MacLean and Walker-Penyk in May
- Kindergarten registration
 - Kids born in 2020 starting beginning of February. Thinking of changing the interview process with Walker-Penyk supporting that. Two days - Feb 22 and 27th. 1-5 pm.
- Feb 1 - second dance culture coming. All students. AfroBeats
- Speech and Language Pathologist - Jennifer Andrews- workshop with parents volunteering with younger students. Feedback was would be good for all parents. Going to coordinate workshop for Gr 1 parents Jan 30 and another for Snr Kindergarten parents Feb 29. Will be 9:00 am after school drop.
- Report cards coming Tue Feb 13. Interviews night of 15th and morning of the 16th.
- PA Day on 19 January. Teachers are Writing Report Cards
- Feedback from families who received the Christmas hampers. Thank-you to Erin Donovan and Cathy Gulli.
- Kindergarten Yard - no update
- Parent Library - looking for feedback on that in Spring
- Financial Requests:
 - Second Scientist In School program for each class - 11 @ \$250
 - Request for more variety so not repeated. Building up inventory of modules.
 - Online decodable texts for use at home - \$415
 - Total request is for \$3,165

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

- Review the balance sheet
 - Mrs Stafford's budget request for \$3,165 was approved by the committee
 - Budget request for \$150 for books in honour of retiring teacher was approved

4. Fundraising - Misia Machnowski & Alex Smith Sakellis

- Overview of current forecast
 - Norseman makes \$40K from fun fair (mostly from sponsorships), we did \$9K last year. Looking for sponsorship ideas and introductions.
- Goose Chase introduction
 - Date of Feb 22-25
 - Requesting ideas for missions. Things to do around town or in your house. Send that in by email to sunnyleagoosechase@gmail.com
- Hot lunch
 - Discussion around Pita Pit as an option. Only doing 37-50 orders a week. Need 50 to get free delivery, although we haven't been charged even when we're under.
 - Other options are Subway, Swiss Chalet, Bar Burrito or Lunch Lady. Used Lunch Lady last year
 - Issues with younger kids liking pitas. Will continue to monitor

5. Traffic update - Danna Broadworth

- Best Practice is to back into the parking spots please

- There is some funky parking going on with winter upon us. Sending a reminder in newsletter that take attendance 10 minutes later on sloppy weather mornings so don't need to rush so much..
- Garbage trucks around the school during typical walking to school time. Talking to Amber Morley's office. Changed providers and new teams don't know the request

6. Closing - next meeting Feb 7th VIRTUAL