

**Minutes of School Council Meeting
October 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

6:36 p.m. Welcome and introductions (Louise Hutchinson, Acting Principal / Andy Hall, 2019-2020 Co-Chair)

6:54 p.m. Recap of last year's accomplishments (Kristina Lilius, Outgoing 2019-2020 Co-Chair)

- Welcome BBQ
- Spaghetti Dinner/Meet the Teacher
- Glow Run
- Movie Night
- Hockey Game – 67s
- Community Support
 - Donation to Carson Grove
 - Donation from Carson Grove – outdoor learning toys and donation
- School Directory
- Support to RHPS families
- French readers and maker space materials

6:58 p.m. Current budget status (Margaret Rose, 2019-2020 Treasurer)

- Andy: Note Fun Fair postponed; usually brings in \$1,000s
- Not in the red, just couldn't do some charitable donations
- Uncertain on status of picnic tables
 - Louise: confirmed – they were not ordered
- Have \$2,000; lowest bank balance we've ever had
- Will need to raise money if there are teacher requests

7:00 p.m. Executive committee elections (Andy)

- Elected as follows:
 - Andy Hall and Maria Blahoianu: Co-Chairs
 - Margaret Rose: Treasurer
 - Alanna Twohey: Secretary
 - Donna Kind: Communications Chair
- Explanation of roles (Andy, Margaret, Alanna)
 - Voting members:
 1. Jennifer Lowe
 2. Danielle Armengaud
 3. Kristin Bowden
 4. Mary Lebeau
 5. Tamara Taub
 6. Janet Hare
 7. Jacquie Alain
 8. Sarah McGregor

9. Beverly White
10. Brunella Buscicchio
11. Lama Chami
12. Kristina Lilius
13. Ahn Nguyen
14. Suraya Gilani

7:20 p.m. Principal's message (Louise)

- Safety concerns
 - Public health nurse assigned to school (has 5 schools)
 - Summary of prevention measures in place
 - Recess and dismissal – working on it – there are fewer adults there
- Staffing
 - Lost quite a few with move to virtual schools
 - 17 classes to 14
 - Lost 4 teachers (3 chose to go to virtual school; 1 surplus)
- Connection with virtual school
- New math curriculum
- Scope and sequence from OCDSB for every subject
 - What to teach at what point
 - Purpose: if kids go to virtual school or vice versa, or have to quarantine
- IEPs October 26, 2020
- Report cards November 20 through Parent Portal
 - September has been all about safety routines and procedures, so report cards adjusted
- No picture day right now (postponed) – kids are in classrooms or outside; no gym; not in hallways much
- School year so far
 - Lots of outdoor education – lots of expertise – hoping to collaborate more
- Events
 - Orange Shirt Day – awareness of residential schools and impact
 - Choose Your Own Class Adventure
 - Safety and Belonging/Third Path
 - Fire drill and staff review of procedures
 - Upcoming: Meet the Teacher (Virtual)
- Question from Kristin: Pick up – big group of parents, safety hazard (though everyone's wearing masks) – people spill onto road, and traffic is going by
 - Louise: Looking for suggestions
 - Staggering? Not all kids can be picked up early

- Mr. Paul's classes pickup on Glenhurst? Dismiss by kinders? Will not go around a corner.
 - Mary Lebeau: Issue of one person picking up multiple children
 - Suraya: Send kinders out as parents come (ones in the front yard)?
 - Donna: Older kids exit via sidewalk nearer the buses (parents wait in the middle of the "U")?
 - Tamara: Look at scenarios for winter – sidewalk doesn't get plowed often; snow mountains, etc.
 - Louise: On radar because front yard is currently Grade 1 play area – has been planned for – waiting on plan for snow boots etc.
- Question from Brunella: Girls' washroom issue
- Question from Andy: What more can we do as parents to keep kids safe? Is parking getting better, or do we need to call bylaw etc.?
 - Louise:
 - When you live around the school, it's what happens
 - We can call bylaw, reminders, kind words, but it generally continues

7:52 p.m. Fundraising approach for 2020-21 (Andy)

- Usually, we start year with a lot of money and nothing to spend it on (because our biggest fundraiser is at the end of the previous year)
- This year, we don't have that
- We've never used school website to full capacity before
- People may be more likely to donate if they can contribute to list of specific, costed projects
- Can we issue tax receipts?
 - Louise: Yes. To provide info for donation process.
- Louise: Asks
 - Primary teacher asks: not using physical books, but need to get reading – online reading programs
 - Je lis - \$400 – reading groups of levelled readers; shared at home
 - English TBD
 - "Sit spots" for outdoors
 - Small outdoor first aid kits
 - Learning carts
 - Laminator
 - Walkie talkies
- Louise: Volunteer jobs
 - Lawn mowing
 - Line drawing
- Suraya: Suggestion re: tying fundraising to Halloween?
- Andy: Donations for school families in need

8:10 p.m. Future meeting dates

- Second Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 pm – next meeting November 12
 - Andy: No objection?
 - Motion carried.
 - Dates to be provided via Google Calendar (Andy); also posted on school website (Donna to update)

- Leslie King Gregory: Book Fair – not onsite this year, but option to do completely virtually
 - Family night, with free shipping for all purchases
 - TBD with Andy to choose date; Scholastic needs notice

- Donna: Donated items for Fun Fair – can we do an online auction?
 - Andy: Need to call vendors to confirm would still donate; to provide list by next meeting

- Margaret: Fundraising idea – sell homemade boardgame

8:25 p.m. End of Meeting