



Robert Hopkins School Council

Meeting Agenda Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
 1. Alanna Twohey
 2. Ale A-M
 3. Andrew Hall
 4. Carlo Lombard
 5. Danielle Armengaud
 6. Douniazed Harkouken
 7. Erin McAfee
 8. Heather Forsyth
 9. Kallyan Kanti Das
 10. Jamie McCallum
 11. Jennifer Grimsey
 12. Layali
 13. Leslie King Gregory
 14. Margaret Rose
 15. Maria Blahoianu
 16. Nathalie Sharma
 17. Nicholas Lafrance, Vice President
 18. Stephanie Simonelli
 19. Janet Hare
 20. Mary Lebeau
 21. Tara Downton McNally
 22. Annalee Rice
 23. Anh Nguyen Papara
 24. Donna Kind
 25. Suraya Gilani
 26. Kristin Bowden
 27. Sarah MacGregor

- 2) School Update (Nathalie Sharma, Principal)
 - Classes to be shuffled – parents of affected students to be advised tomorrow
 - New staff hired
 - Sensory room and sensory paths for body breaks etc.
 - Equity team had first mtg to plan for school year; planned for Orange Shirt Day
 - Getting new portable for class currently in library; probably moving end October

3) Council Update

- No fundraisers allowed currently – decision to be made with OCDSB and OPH
- Usually have recap of last year's accomplishments, fundraising and community outreach, but didn't have much last year
 - Did have two fundraisers:
 - Scholastic books (Leslie) – completely online; low effort; home deliveries; awaiting direction from school for this year
 - Plantables (Andy) – order plants online; can get on it sooner this year and include photos of plants we got this year; thanks to Danielle for planning

4) Election

- Explanation of positions (Maria and incumbents)
- Co-Chair – Jamie nominated by [_____]; seconded by Donna
- Co-Chair – Maria – nominated by Danielle; seconded by Donna
- Treasurer – Kallyan – nominated by Maria, seconded by Donna
- Secretary – Alanna – nominated by Maria, seconded by Andy
- Technology (fundraising) – on hold for last few years
- Greening Committee Chairs – on hold (involves community)
- Communications Chair – Donna – nominated by Maria; seconded by Alanna
- Fundraising Committee Chair – Margaret can do it if needed – nominated by Donna; seconded by Maria
- Voting members –
 - Suraya
 - Andy
 - Danielle
 - Kristin
 - Annalee
 - Leslie
 - Anh
 - Janet
 - Calo
 - Tara
 - Heather
 - Ale A-M

5) Budget Update (Margaret)

- Don't have it yet
- \$2,796 (plus fundraising)
- Maria: Requests from school?
 - Nathalie: School purchased **bins and outdoor equipment** for grades 1-5 – have to sort by cohorts, clean, etc. **Kinder could use same.**
 - Nic: ~\$200 for bins for 14 classes
 - Nathalie: Approx. \$3-400 for kinder. Depends on vendor.
 - Jamie: Could do with Scholastic credits.
 - Leslie to check

- Nathalie: some councils offer **educator reimbursements** (\$50-100 each) when we can fundraise
 - Leslie: We've offered to buy teacher supplies from bookfair
 - Donna: We can also do teacher wish lists for bookfair
 - Nathalie: Looking into **more equity/inclusive books**, but not ready to make requests
 - Jamie has done this exercise previously
 - Andy: Good to work towards a fundraising goal
 - Maria: Homework for the library tech to assess needs
 - Danielle: When we get Scholastic credits, get more value to order from them, but have also taken cash and given it to the teachers – usually we reinvest in the library. Leslie to figure out balance sooner than later (credits vs. cash).
 - Jamie: Start with classroom libraries? Cohort libraries?
 - Nic: **Digital resources, e.g., Raz-kids**

6) Discussion

- Suraya: Question re: class reorganization and numbers.
 - Nathalie: Grade ½ to have 15-16 students; Grade 2 to have 13 students; Grade 3 will have 17-18; Grade 4 17-18; other larger classes go down to 23-24 (Grade 1 numbers smaller than projected)
- Mary: Plan to put down gravel so kids are not walking through wet grass?
 - Nathalie: Portables have a paved area right up to the portable. Walkway created for portables.
 - Mary: Rearrange walking route so portable kids don't go around the whole field?
 - Nathalie: They have to go out at recess anyway. Will be sending out a message re: indoor shoes. Bring extra socks. COVID protocols designed for student safety, so have to leave it as it is.
- Ale: Will there be a 4th kinder class?
 - Nathalie: Advocated with planner, but not enough numbers to get another class. Ministry (COVID) funding less this year.
- Janet: Remind parents not to do U-turns in front of school.
 - Nathalie noting for Community Update.
- Leslie: Pick up/drop off traffic flow – request to make consistent for planning
 - Nathalie: Entrance closed by 8 a.m. because driveway is used as learning and recess space – hard to pick a time, because have to wait until buses are done. Can tell people will close it at 7:55 a.m. in Community Update.
 - Suraya: Early start school; closing 5 mins early is difficult if you live farther from the school.
- Alanna/Tara: Busyness at pickups
 - Nic: It is organized by grade as best as it can be
 - Tara: Reminder to parents?
 - Jamie: Walking school bus?
 - Suraya: No U-turn sign? Request only one parent for pickup?
- Annalee: School population? [_____]
- Danielle: Thank you to Andy as outgoing Co-Chair and Margaret as outgoing Treasurer

End of meeting.

Next meeting October 21, 2021.