



Robert Hopkins School Council

Meeting Agenda Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:30-8:00 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Land acknowledgement (Jamie)
 1. Alanna Twohey
 2. Jamie McCallum
 3. Maria Blahoianu
 4. Layali Layali
 5. Margaret Rose
 6. Nathalie Sharma
 7. Stephanie Simonelli
 8. Leslie King Gregory
 9. Danielle Armengaud
 10. Kallyan Kanti Das
 11. Mohamed Moussaoui
 12. Suraya Gilani
 13. Annalee Rice
 14. Andy Hall
 15. Mary Lebeau
 16. Seth McAfee
 17. Donna Kind
 18. Sarah McGregor
 19. Qin Steve
 20. Serkalem Tolla

2) School Update (Nathalie/Stephanie)

- Principal Update
 - Growing; up to 375 students
 - Purchased Raz Kids subscription for entire school in English and French
 - Hiring ongoing – three new staff
 - Sensory room/paths
 - Suraya: Has COVID affected body breaks?
 - Students can't be in same space and have to sanitize in between.
 - Progress reports on Nov 4
 - More students will be “progressing with difficulty” due to school closures, spending more time on relationship building/socio-emotional learning, etc.
 - Use of technology forms: Low response rate. Need all students to have a signed form. As of October 25, students without signed forms will no longer be able to use technology. Teachers to send forms home to families again tonight and tomorrow.

- Teacher Update
 - October 8 Terry Fox Run
 - Every class ran during Phys Ed.
 - Terry Fox Week
 - Goal was \$800; well surpassed
 - Take Me Outside Day
 - Circuit with cohorts moving through activities
 - Grade 3/4 Portable Picnic Fridays
 - Gymnasium ***remind parents to send indoor shoes
 - Maria: Forest Walks?
 - Nathalie: Mostly junior classes. Very busy month.

3) Fundraiser Update (Margaret)

- Send email to rhopcouncil@gmail.com to sign in that you attended meeting
 - Can join email list and/or WhatsApp group
- Reminder to follow Twitter feed: @rhopcouncil
- Can go ahead with virtual fundraisers
 - Start with Scholastic Bookfair (booked)
 - Leslie: November 10-17, 2021; shipping changed – shipping to school
 - Margaret: Could set up table for distribution outside
 - Jamie: Would that have to be off property?
 - Nathalie: If outside school hours
 - Leslie: Could distribute directly to kids
 - Nathalie: Except for gifts
 - Plantables
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Pre-COVID, Council raising money for picnic tables. Do we still want this as a fundraising goal and, if so, what kind of equipment does school want?
 - Nathalie: Teachers would want it. Probably a multi-year fundraising request. Can start talking to staff.
- Jamie: What to do with stuff collected from businesses for silent auction for Fun Fair 2020?
 - Margaret: Get in touch if interested in making phone calls to businesses.
 - Mary; Suraya can help.
 - Danielle: Delay until next year?
 - Margaret: can store gift cards in safe

4) Appropriate Use of Technology Review (Nathalie/Jamie)

- OCDSB reviewing and updating document; requesting parent input re: things to be added, deleted, changed
- Will send out, and will collate suggestions at next Council mtg
- Deadline: end Nov

5) Principal's Profile (Maria)

- Nathalie: For Council to say what characteristics you'd like to have in a principal
- Jamie: In past, Co-Chairs have reviewed current profile, made revisions, and submitted. Have reached out to Henry Munro to see how they do theirs. Will reach out to other School Councils around us to see their process. Executive will get ours, tweak it, and share it. Due end October. Let us know any opinions by end of month.

6) Roundtable and Closing

- Jamie: Directing conversation – what School Council does and what our scope is – Constitution based on documents from OCDSB – ensuring diverse/new voices – leave space for all voices
- Leslie: Scholastic needs student count
- Donna: For year end reports that Council needs to submit – what needs to be submitted?
 - Nathalie to check with Kim.
 - Andy is on it.
- Donna: Request for teachers – if new or existing teachers have Twitter feeds, let Donna know – she tries to follow and retweet
- Alanna: Financial barrier to kids bringing indoor shoes?
 - Nathalie: Considered shoe drive. Not sure if it's something Council would help with. Also a matter of getting back into routine, people are busy, etc.
 - Maria/Donna: We've done a winter gear drive before.
- Suraya: Staff vaccination?
 - Nathalie: Managed at Board level. Policy is: must be vaccinated unless exemption granted.
- Suraya: School neighbour asking people not to go on his grass.

End of meeting 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting: November 18, 2021

