



Meeting Agenda
Thursday November 18, 2021
6:30-8:00 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions (Everyone)

- Land Acknowledgement
- Alanna Twohey
- Danielle Armengaud
- Heather Forsyth
- Jamie McCallum
- Jennifer Grimsey
- Kallyan Kanti Das
- Leslie King Gregory
- Margaret Rose
- Maria Blahoianu
- Nathalie Sharma
- Andy Hall
- Sarah McGregor
- Janet Hare
- Donna Kind
- Tara Downton McNally
- Annalee Rice

2) School Update (Principal, Teacher Liaison)

- Ms. Grimsey:
 - Ms. Selena, Library Tech: Forest of Reading is a country-wide literacy program promoting Canadian books
 - Raz Kids update: every student has an active account
 - Remembrance Day online ceremony
- Ms. Sharma:
 - Recognize M. Paul's painting zone lines and updating maps
 - Halloween Monster Mash
 - Treaty Week
 - Teacher wish lists – teachers asked for more time; will provide feedback

- on desire for outdoor classroom
- Staff to provide names of families needing support over holidays
- Breakfast program – Mr. Lafrance and Mme. Gordon leading; going well; done safely
 - Danielle: Is it widely known?
 - Nathalie: Classroom bins replenished daily. Need to ensure clearer messaging.
 - Margaret: Are more kids using it than usual, and is funding meeting needs? Council has provided funding before.
 - Nathalie: Not sure.
- Lost and Found back in original format, by the gym
- To hear about vaccines for 5-11-year-olds tomorrow. Board sent out updates. We haven't heard from OPH whether we will be a site.
 - Maria: We will not be. Seraphin-Marion will be.
- Getting portable for Grades 3-4. Hopeful they will move in by December.

3) Budget Update (Kallyan)

- \$2947.32 balance per Margaret
- No movement from last month

4) Fundraiser Updates (Margaret)

- Scholastic Book Fair
 - Extended for another week
 - Leslie: Being delivered in paper wrap with a seal and label. Will set times and dates for delivery after end of book fair. Times will be staggered. A drive through type of thing after school; COVID-compliant.
 - Nathalie: Talked to Superintendent. If we can do it safely, could have one or two vaccinated, masked people standing inside doors if weather is awful. Just can't be during school day.
 - Margaret: Discussed 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Might make sense to do 5:30 p.m. at school for EDP parents.
 - Jamie: End date for last set of books to be delivered?
 - Leslie: Expect by Nov 29
 - Danielle: Bussers? People who aren't close by? Can it be given to the kids? Parents may be expecting that.
 - Margaret: Can set out options. Idea would be for bulk to be picked up by parents to minimize admin work.
 - Tara: Thought it would be distributed to kids in class.
 - Margaret: Have pick up times. If there are some left, either make alternate arrangements or send them home with kids.
- Leslie: suggests another Spring Book Fair
- Andy: will run Plantables again

- If you have ideas for virtual fundraisers, please email rhopcouncil@gmail.com

5) Technology Review (Jamie)

- Board is reviewing and wants to revise
- Review of form:
 - Ask where age restrictions are; is there a link to the other Board policy?
 - Who is responsible for School Council Gmail accounts, etc.?
- Donna: We use Board-provided email to access school website pages

6) Principal's Profile (Jamie)

- Board asked for one, to be used when filling a vacant position
- Found it in time only to submit one from last year; will update next year

7) Holiday Donations (Maria)

- Historically, we write a cheque to Carson Grove PS (they don't have a parent council, so fundraising ability is limited); usually \$1,000
 - Have to put it to a vote
 - Margaret: Suggestion: we have \$3,000 in Scholastic Credits. Could send them. Split three ways: \$1,000 to our library, \$1,000 to our teachers, \$1,000 to Carson Grove (via wish lists or transfer). Need to spend credits or we'll lose them.
 - Nathalie: Already told teachers our school could use credits.
 - Andy: Voted on this last year.
 - Maria: What would help Carson Grove more – cash or credits?
 - Nathalie: Probably cash, but will reach out.
 - Nathalie: No imminent needs for cash from our teachers, in terms of prioritizing.
 - Margaret: Traditionally, we have kept a buffer of about \$3,000 for Fun Fair deposits, etc., but it is appropriate to now share it with community. \$1,200 would be enough of a buffer.
- Families in the community – we usually donate.
- Maria: Vote on \$1,200 as buffer. Passed. Unanimous.
- Maria: For holiday season, \$1,500 for RHOP/Carson Grove communities (+\$500 in Scholastic credits to CG if needed to bring them to \$1,000)
- Nathalie: Remaining Scholastic credits to be divided by homeroom?
 - Moved by: Margaret. Seconded by: Andy.
 - Jamie: Exact amounts to be determined later, after we know amounts and how much is going to CG.

- Winter clothing needs (Maria)
 - Follow up: indication from community of needs?
 - Nathalie: Teachers not yet seeing needs because it hasn't been cold. Probably hats and mitts.
 - Danielle: Last year, had a clothing drive and gave leftovers to Carson Grove. Don't think we should wait. Just get it going.
 - Nathalie: Organize and let me know what you need.
 - Maria: Weekly updates; Twitter
 - Jamie: On your end, do you have a place to store things when kids bring them in?
 - Margaret: Last year, donation bin outside school.
 - Jamie: Pick a timeline for drop offs and let parents know when there's enough.
 - Andy: Nathalie, send it out in update; when we see it, we'll advertise it.
 - Nathalie: Maybe two weeks before the holidays.

8) Roundtable and Closing

- Maria: Shift the December meeting to December 9?
 - Jamie: Keep December 16.
- Jamie: Preamble to frame discussion.
- Margaret: Dedication ceremony yesterday for RHOP student, Aidan, who passed away one year ago.
- Andy: Youth Services Board holding fundraiser for homeless youth. Next Friday night. Pls share link for Andy/Carlos' teams.
- Donna: Added blurb about Council for website. Please advise if you want any changes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 .

Interested in the Robert Hopkins School Council? Join us at the meeting or [contact us \(rhopcouncil@gmail.com\)](mailto:rhopcouncil@gmail.com) anytime!

Appendix "A"
Google Meet Chat Log

You

6:43 PM

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DbK3ouQxub5oBRgqK06TJ34sUsjqZVAL/view?usp=sharing>

This is the link for the ceremony.

(the RHOP portion)

Maria Blahoianu

6:44 PM

Thanks!

Donna Kind

6:45 PM

It's also available on the school website:

https://roberthopkinsps.ocdsb.ca/news/what_s_new/r_hop_remembers

We love M. Paul! :-)

And MME Stephanie! A fabulous and generous couple. :-

Danielle Armengaud

6:48 PM

what do you mean noise cancellers?

Donna Kind

6:48 PM

noise cancelling headphones?

noise cancellors

Jennifer Grimsey

6:49 PM

noise cancelling headphones help to block out noise. Sometimes referred to as noise cancelling earmuffs

Danielle Armengaud

6:50 PM

is that widely known?

Jamie McCallum

6:52 PM

I heard from my kids about the delicious snack bin.

You

6:53 PM

As have I - Grade Twos at least seem to know about the program and what it's for.

Donna Kind

6:53 PM

You're braaking up

Danielle Armengaud

6:54 PM

ok- so Logan knows about the snack bin. he says it's for early finishers...so maybe not "marketed" as the breakfast program is probably meant to be...

Donna Kind

6:55 PM

Lucky Ms Kim! LOL

We lost Nathalie

She's ba-ack!

Donna Kind

6:57 PM

Seraphim has very little parking

You

6:57 PM

I will drop my kid off from a helicopter if need be

Donna Kind

6:58 PM

Oooh a portable parade! That's exciting!

Jennifer Grimsey

7:02 PM

Thanks for organizing - I just placed my order. :)

Danielle Armengaud

7:03 PM

Carson Grove and Manor park are other schools with community clinics that are relatively close by (and have more parking options)

Donna Kind

7:08 PM

Are all the books coming at once?

Robert Hopkins PS

7:09 PM

Some have already arrived

Margaret Rose

7:09 PM

No, they are trickling in

Danielle Armengaud

7:11 PM

potatoes!

Donna Kind

7:13 PM

As long as the books aren't too heavy for kids to bring home.

Jamie McCallum

7:13 PM

also there are sometimes tears when some get to take books home and others do not

Donna Kind

7:13 PM

We can also start by promoting only the 3 pick-up times... and "contact us if you can't make it during those times".

Jamie McCallum

7:15 PM

we are well trained as a council to be self sufficient and non expect educators to do our dirty work. ;)

tara downtonmcnally

7:15 PM

i thought it was due to covid]

Robert Hopkins PS

7:16 PM

We will totally have you back in doing all the work when we can!

In the meantime though - we are happy to help.

Danielle Armengaud

7:16 PM

yes ;)

tara downtonmcnally

7:16 PM

that would be fun we miss being in the school

Danielle Armengaud

7:17 PM

sorry, inside joke

Donna Kind

7:18 PM

Thanks Andy!

Maria Blahoianu

7:18 PM

that would be amazing (book fair and plants)

Donna Kind

7:18 PM

The plants were great

Jamie McCallum

7:18 PM

we need a 67's game night when this is all over!

Dayane Almeida

7:19 PM

Hi!!!

Jennifer Grimsey

7:19 PM

With the choir singing.... in a post covid world!

Danielle Armengaud

7:19 PM

yes!

Robert Hopkins PS

7:19 PM

Hi Dayane! Welcome!

Dayane Almeida

7:19 PM

Tank you

Margaret Rose

7:19 PM

I'm not directing it this time. Just watching!

Maria Blahoianu

7:19 PM

i would just like to be indoors eating a meal I didn't cook

Dayane Almeida

7:19 PM

I am my no Brasil

Jennifer Grimsey

7:19 PM

Margaret, I'll try to follow in your footsteps

Donna Kind

7:20 PM

I can't imagine why you would find that dry. :-O :-)

Danielle Armengaud

7:22 PM

I think they should just find updated definitions of all of these things...google it ;)

Maria Blahoianu

7:23 PM

if the standard wording comes from the Board, those definitions are hard won

Danielle Armengaud

7:25 PM

they sound outdated to me

Donna Kind

7:25 PM

sure keep going

sounds good - Maria has the policy meeting procedure down pat

Dayane Almeida

7:27 PM

I am my bilingue

Olá pessoal

Maria Blahoianu

7:29 PM

Hi Dayane, and welcome. Did I miss your name at roll call?

Danielle Armengaud

7:30 PM

Désolé, cette réunion est généralement en anglais

Donna Kind

7:30 PM

I think Dayane came in later. Hola and welcome, Dayane!

Dayane Almeida

7:33 PM

Vcs são lindos seus gostosos

Danielle Armengaud

7:35 PM

it said: you guys are beautiful you hot

Robert Hopkins PS

7:37 PM

Thank you for catching that Danielle!

Danielle Armengaud

7:38 PM

no prob

Donna Kind

7:40 PM

FYI - I deleted the tweet with the Council Meeting link. But we should still make a new one for next

tiem

*time

Nathalie, we hope you are still here with us next year too!

Robert Hopkins PS

7:40 PM

I will change the meet link for the rest of the year for sure!

Thank you Donna!

Donna Kind

7:42 PM

Jamie, we can post the Principal Profile in the Council section of the website if you like.

Jamie McCallum

7:42 PM

yes please Donna. Thank you.

Robert Hopkins PS

7:42 PM

I'm going to post it on the school profile page with my impending principal message

Danielle Armengaud

7:43 PM

loooove that idea

Donna Kind

7:43 PM

Thanks Nathalie

Great idea! But how soon is soon re: expiry

Danielle Armengaud

7:43 PM

but we will be getting more as wekk

well

(more credits from this bookfair)

Jamie McCallum

7:44 PM

yes. no shortage of scholastic cash

Donna Kind

7:44 PM

Leslie, I don't recall... did we double-check with Scholastic that we're allowed to transfer credit to another school?

Donna Kind

7:46 PM

That rings a bell, Leslie - that we were going to have them send us a list and we would place the order...

Danielle Armengaud

7:47 PM

we just need to know right now how much we have, how much we think we will have by the end of this one, and then vote on whether we share with Carson Grove, no?

half and half?

Jennifer Grimsey

7:50 PM

That was definitely the consensus from staff.

Donna Kind

7:52 PM

And I believe \$2000-\$3000 was the MAX that the Board wanted Councils to have "leftover" at the end of each year.

Danielle Armengaud

7:52 PM

so how much can we spend altogether?

You

7:53 PM

• \$2947.32

Margaret Rose

7:53 PM

-\$250 that we owe to andy

Donna Kind

7:53 PM

And are the Scholastic credits over and above that?

Margaret Rose

7:53 PM

yes

Leslie King Gregory

7:53 PM

3055.67

Kallyan Kanti Das

7:53 PM

\$2,947.32

Andy \$250 after receiving the invoices

Donna Kind

7:54 PM

Credits or credits and cash if you have both numbers, Leslie?

Danielle Armengaud

7:54 PM

so \$2,697.32 in cash

Leslie King Gregory

7:54 PM

that is just for Scholastic credits

Margaret Rose

7:54 PM

\$1200

Donna Kind

7:54 PM

(Sorry, I mean equivalent if we took cash instead...?)

Danielle Armengaud

7:54 PM

\$14,97.32

Margaret Rose

7:55 PM

We can't take cash now. That decision gets made after the book fair. They are product credit only.

Danielle Armengaud

7:55 PM

to spend

Donna Kind

7:55 PM

LOL

Danielle Armengaud

7:55 PM

or we do \$1000 Rhop needs, \$500 Carson grove needs + \$500 Carson grove scholastic credit/books

Leslie King Gregory

7:56 PM

We have committed already for that amount (3055.67) to be taken in scholastic credits (the decision must be made at the close of the fair). We can always choose cash for this year.

Robert Hopkins PS

7:56 PM

That still leaves 150 for each class at RHOP of the Scholastic money.

Donna Kind

7:56 PM

Ah,okay, right. Thanks Margaret. So roughly \$3000 of Scholastic credit, available only as credit.

Margaret Rose

7:56 PM

This makes sense to me.

Donna Kind

7:58 PM

So, bank balance buffer set to \$1200, vote passed.

Danielle Armengaud

8:03 PM

we will get more credit anyway from this fair

Maria Blahoianu

8:03 PM

yup

Donna Kind

8:04 PM

So we should put that to a vote - to divide by classroom

Jennifer Grimsey

8:05 PM

Thank you on behalf of the staff.

Maria Blahoianu

8:05 PM

anytime!

Donna Kind

8:06 PM

By classroom makes perfect sense. Thanks, Nathalie!

Donna Kind

8:08 PM

Muddy season clothing drive! :-)

Danielle Armengaud

8:12 PM

Louise organized it I think

Yes - Kim would know

Jennifer Grimsey

8:12 PM

Yes, I remember the bin. The items were isolated for 72 hours and then sorted.

Danielle Armengaud

8:14 PM

then people are in the giving spirit anyway too

Jennifer Grimsey

8:16 PM

Yes, that's correct

Danielle Armengaud

8:17 PM

that would be ther 14th

Jennifer Grimsey

8:17 PM

I checked the calendar and there is nothing on the school end that would conflict. (nothing I can see anyways)

Donna Kind

8:18 PM

So we'll stick with Dec. 16

C Hare

8:19 PM

Have to run, thanks everyone!

Robert Hopkins PS

8:21 PM

Thank you Margaret

Donna Kind

8:21 PM

That's beautiful. Thanks for sharing that Margaret

Jennifer Grimsey

8:21 PM

I have very fond memories of of Aiden and Dollar. Thank you for letting me know where the bench is. I was unable to attend the ceremony, but will definitely stop by. Thank you.

tara downtonmcnally

8:21 PM

thankyou for sharing

Donna Kind

8:22 PM

Send me the link and info to tweet out Andy

tara downtonmcnally

8:22 PM

that sounds awesome

You

8:23 PM

Send the link and I'll include it in the Minutes

Danielle Armengaud

8:23 PM

I will look