



Robert Hopkins School Council

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 17, 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, introductions and land acknowledgement
 - Alanna Twohey
 - Andrew Hall
 - Danielle Armengaud
 - Heather Forsyth
 - Jamie McCallum
 - Kallyan Kanti Das
 - Leslie King Gregory
 - Maria Blahoianu
 - Margaret Rose
 - Nathalie Sharma
 - Stephanie Simonelli
 - Suraya Gilani
 - Donna Kind
 - Janet Hare

- 2) School Update (Nathalie)
 - Valentine's Day – first time exchanging valentines since COVID-19 started
 - Black Excellence Month
 - Kiss and Ride problems - may have to close if concerns continue
 - Suraya: Parking lot inaccessible, but neighbours don't want people to park there either. Inaccessible for people who live far away. Keep those people – the majority – in mind when making rules.
 - Discussion ensues regarding lack of diversity and representation on School Council.
 - Jamie: As a School Council, there are limited things we can address. Hiring isn't one of them.
 - Jamie and Suraya to take discussion re: hiring and representation offline.
 - Jamie: In terms of the Kiss and Ride, the issue is safety. Two things to think about: 1. Facilitating getting kids to school. 2.

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Safety. Closing of Kiss and Ride is not to make it more difficult. To make it safe. My solution, and others are doing it too, is to park in the church and walk from there.

- Nathalie: My hope is Kiss and Ride will remain open.
- Maria: Desperately looking for solutions that work for everyone. A couple people could ruin this program for everyone. No parent volunteers (because not allowed on property) and no kids are allowed to escort younger kids (because of cohorting/COVID). Board is very risk averse.
- Danielle: How widely is the community update read? It may be that those people who need it the most (e.g., occasional users of kiss and ride) may not be reading those messages. Maybe make an exception and send home paper notes. Re: the church, kids can walk together from there. There is a crossing guard.
- Andy: Glenhurst Cres. is happy to have people park there. It doesn't block traffic and is very close to the school.
- Donna: Concerned that if Kiss and Ride is taken away, parking lot will be worse.
- Kallyan: M-43 bus is not running. Here to find a solution.
- Maria: My concern is that teachers can't do everything. Hopeful that parents could volunteer.
- Nathalie: Not sure what Board would allow. Hopeful for vaxxed, masked volunteers. Think we're headed in that direction. Teachers can only supervise a mandated number of minutes each week. Could hold signs.
- Kallyan: Suggestion of parent or volunteer directing kids; quicker flow
- Nathalie: Hopeful to have teachers be able to get children out of vehicles faster with relaxed protocols. Please spread the word that Kiss and Ride needs to be safe.
- Toonie Tuesday – see video explaining to students what the Foundation does.
- Pink Shirt Day
- Teachers have Scholastic order forms



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- 3) Teacher Update (Stephanie)
 - Video presentation
 - Request for Scientists in the School (kits and online) for Juniors
 - Maria: Discuss during budget update

- 4) Fundraising Update (Margaret)
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Plantables.ca, Code “GROWHOPPERS”
 - Andy to send materials to advertise
 - Monkey Rock Music Virtual Concert and Nonna’s Famous Pizza Boxes, March 10
 - 45 mins
 - Start time TBD
 - YouTube Stream with chat participation
 - Want to fundraise but be inclusive – pay what you can
 - Tickets on sale soon
 - Pizza kit is DIY by local social enterprise (community kitchen). Costs \$30. Extra for gluten free, vegan, or halal. Feeds two adults and two kids.
 - Delivery options: Parents pay for pizza deliveries OR Council pays for deliveries OR volunteers help with delivery.
 - Maria: COVID protocols. Food safety (timing of deliveries)?
 - Margaret: It’s winter, things will stay cool.
 - Nathalie: Can masked, vaxxed Council members hand out pizza kits at school if we arrange tables?
 - Maria: Driving may be a hassle. Delivery may be best.
 - Kallyan: Confirm company can label boxes for delivery by volunteers
 - Margaret: Idea for art showcase to enhance interactivity.
 - Margaret: Deliveries March 10, 1-5 p.m. range.

- 5) Budget Update (Kallyan)
 - Current balance \$1,697.32
 - No activity

- 6) Roundtable and Closing
 - Nathalie: Staffing updates

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- Two teachers on mat leave.
- New office assistant from Henry Munro.
- Mme. Monique/Ms. Furlong in for Mr. LaFrance until March Break.
- Jamie and Maria review housekeeping rules for roundtable.
- Alanna: No masks outside, per Board update?
 - Nathalie: Haven't reviewed or talked to staff, but will. Happy to have parents here voice community's feelings. Tend to follow what Board says unless community objects, for consistency. Logistics of how to ensure they have their masks to put back on.
- Danielle: Picture Day rescheduled?
 - Nathalie: March 9. To be confirmed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022



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Appendix A – Chat Log

Donna Kind

7:07 PM

Last thing I heard was kids excited about Toonie Tues

Maria Blahoianu

7:08 PM

we're excited for picture day

Shahid Qaisrani

7:10 PM

I miss those days when we had less traffic and we could walk into the school

Donna Kind

7:10 PM

I love that idea - thank you!

Shahid Qaisrani

7:10 PM

Now because of covid its a fortress

Maria Blahoianu

7:10 PM

yes, i think this has been a very hard year (somehow harder than the last)

You

7:10 PM

Suraya, there's the mural!

Jamie McCallum

7:11 PM

It's been way too long for sure Suraya!

Shahid Qaisrani

7:11 PM

love the Artwork!!

Shahid Qaisrani

7:12 PM

could you enlarge it

i would love to read and see the board clearly

Andrew Hall

7:13 PM

The picture in the last community update you can zoom in on.

Donna Kind

7:13 PM

That sounds great, Nathalie. Thanks!

Shahid Qaisrani

7:17 PM

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:)

Donna Kind
7:17 PM

I love these!

Shahid Qaisrani
7:18 PM

Why do we see names of certain countries only to follow

Jamie McCallum
7:18 PM

The children in that class chose the countries

Shahid Qaisrani
7:18 PM

it should be a variety of countries

why only the progressive countries

C Hare
7:19 PM

Awesome!

Shahid Qaisrani
7:19 PM

such a cute video

Donna Kind
7:19 PM

That looks like so much fun!!!

Shahid Qaisrani
7:19 PM

yeah looks like they had a fabulous time

Donna Kind
7:20 PM

Thank you so much for sharing this glimpse into the school!

Leslie King Gregory
7:20 PM

Thank you so much for that Stephanie

Shahid Qaisrani
7:20 PM

i miss the fun day

Jamie McCallum
7:21 PM

So nice to see. Thanks for sharing the fun Stephanie.

Shahid Qaisrani
7:21 PM

the kids loved it

Donna Kind
7:21 PM

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Scientists in School is awesome!

Any idea how much per class?

Maria Blahoianu

7:22 PM

yes, what do we need to work with

Shahid Qaisrani

7:22 PM

Alanna your kids are so adorable

Donna Kind

7:22 PM

\$250 per class... how many Jr classes? How many total classes?

Shahid Qaisrani

7:22 PM

the little one is waving !

:)

Margaret Rose

7:23 PM

17 home rooms in the school

Maria Blahoianu

7:23 PM

so\$4250

Margaret Rose

7:23 PM

How many junior classes?

You

7:24 PM

Haha thanks. My kids are (sadly) very used to online meetings.

Donna Kind

7:24 PM

6 Jr classes, so \$1500...

Shahid Qaisrani

7:24 PM

good idea Maria!

Donna Kind

7:27 PM

Do we have any materials from Plantables to promote it? (Images, pdf posters...?)

That's okay, I forgot too.

Thanks Andy!

Donna Kind

7:28 PM

Monkey Rock Music is fantastic especially for young kids... and older kids too.

John King used to live in my house! LOL

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It's very interactive

Shahid Qaisrani

7:30 PM

i wish it was indian music

Shahid Qaisrani

7:32 PM

how do we order pizza

Donna Kind

7:32 PM

This all sounds fantastic! Thank you for running with this Danielle and Margaret!

Kallyan Kanti Das

7:33 PM

Hats off Danielle and Margaret!

Andrew Hall

7:34 PM

Sign me up

Shahid Qaisrani

7:34 PM

we can pick up

from the place

or school

Shahid Qaisrani

7:34 PM

either way is great

You

7:34 PM

We could do some deliveries!

Shahid Qaisrani

7:34 PM

i can deliver to a few homes

Donna Kind

7:35 PM

If we do doorstep delivery it should be easy and Covid-safe and food-safe

Maria Blahoianu

7:35 PM

yup

Shahid Qaisrani

7:36 PM

good idea Ms Sharma

We can do it at 4-5

Danielle Armengaud

7:38 PM

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It was all Margaret! I'm just going to try to help with the tech.

Maria Blahoianu
7:38 PM

I agree Margaret

Donna Kind
7:38 PM

Agree

You
7:38 PM

Agreed

Maria Blahoianu
7:38 PM

it's all we have to socialize :(

Shahid Qaisrani
7:39 PM

Kallyan has his hand up

Danielle Armengaud
7:39 PM

Our comms should include something about us supporting local businesses / social enterprise etc to explain the cost a bit.

Maria Blahoianu
7:40 PM

good idea

Donna Kind
7:40 PM

Yes, for sure Danielle

Maria Blahoianu
7:40 PM

wow, sounds awesome Kallyan
and delicious

Shahid Qaisrani
7:41 PM

awesome idea !!

Donna Kind
7:43 PM

Love that idea! :-)

Kallyan Kanti Das
7:43 PM

Great Idea!

You
7:43 PM

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Shahid Qaisrani

7:43 PM

guys next time we should do some other kind of food

You

7:43 PM

Email if you can volunteer to deliver pizza on Mar 10!

Maria Blahoianu

7:43 PM

good idea, suraya

Jamie McCallum

7:43 PM

Suraya I like your idea of including Indian music. Maybe for future events we can connect with this organization. <https://www.sicaottawa.com/>

Kallyan Kanti Das

7:43 PM

Time ?

Shahid Qaisrani

7:44 PM

thanks jamie

<3

Jamie McCallum

7:44 PM

I will send them an email.

Donna Kind

7:44 PM

March 10 afternoon, likely between 1 and 5pm

Time of show?

Margaret Rose

7:46 PM

Exact time TBD but it will be the early evening

Shahid Qaisrani

7:46 PM

Yes can see it

Donna Kind

7:46 PM

yes

Jamie McCallum

7:47 PM

Maybe fun fair???

Donna Kind

7:47 PM

Easy to hand out fairly hands-free

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Maria Blahoianu

7:48 PM

chuck them!

we love RHOP babies

Shahid Qaisrani

7:49 PM

i liked ms marie

she is so sweet

Andrew Hall

7:50 PM

Beth misses M. Lafrance A LOT!

Donna Kind

7:50 PM

Dylan like Ms. Furlong but he also misses M. LaFrance for music!

Maria Blahoianu

7:54 PM

and that they stay

Donna Kind

7:56 PM

My kids would be thrilled to be able to take their mask off for recess!

You

7:56 PM

Happy to have no masks outside.

Jamie McCallum

7:56 PM

Mine too!

Danielle Armengaud

7:56 PM

Same here

Donna Kind

7:57 PM

When that restriction was added it was the hardest thing for them - harder than having to wear them in class - I think they liked the short break.

Jamie McCallum

7:58 PM

Bring them here! I'll get out the clippers!

Andrew Hall

7:58 PM

Leave Logan alone!!

Jamie McCallum

7:58 PM

I can do layers! have you seen mitch's luscious locks??

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Shahid Qaisrani

7:59 PM

can we do it after 9th

Donna Kind

7:59 PM

Picture Day!!! March 8...? Maybe? To be confirmed!

You

8:00 PM

Hi boys and bears!

Maria Blahoianu

8:00 PM

hello

Donna Kind

8:01 PM

What are your bears names?

Maria Blahoianu

8:01 PM

who is taking care of the aquarium

Danielle Armengaud

8:01 PM

M. Lafrance is gone??

Donna Kind

8:01 PM

Good answer - always Mom!

Maria Blahoianu

8:02 PM

always

Nathalie Sharma

8:02 PM

He is away until the March Break

Danielle Armengaud

8:02 PM

Oh ok, sorry I missed that

Jamie McCallum

8:03 PM

busted!

Margaret Rose

8:05 PM

Not March 10!

Monkey Rock!

Donna Kind

8:05 PM

Trepidatious - good word, Maria!

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You

8:05 PM

Margaret needs to ROCK

Donna Kind

8:05 PM

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