



## Robert Hopkins School Council

### Meeting Agenda Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:30-8:00pm

- 1) Welcome and introductions:
  - Stephanie Simonelli
  - Nathalie Sharma
  - Jamie McCallum
  - Tara Downton McNally
  - Kallyan Kanti Das
  - Andrew Hall
  - Margaret Rose
  - Heather Forsyth
  - Alanna Twohey
  - Leslie King Gregory
  - Maria Blahoianu
  - Anh Nguyen
  - Kim Rebenchuk
  - Janet Hare
  - Adam El Roze
  - Donna Kind
  - Sarah McGregor
  - Serkalem Eshetu
  - Mary Lebeau
  - Qin Steve
  
- 2) Land Acknowledgement
  
- 3) Principal Update (Nathalie)
  - Recognize ongoing, unprecedented time
  - Grade 3/4 class now in portable
  - Sensory room running with protocols
  - Gym in use with protocols
  - Not using common areas (e.g., Library Commons)
  - School photos were scheduled for Feb 8; now delayed
  - Clothing drive: Rest of clothes to be donated to Carson Grove; some underwear/socks to be bought

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- Scholastic money went to each homeroom; to be spent by Feb 14
- Hiring: Mme Roy – Gr 2; Ms. Sheila – Purple Team
- Staffing shortages beginning. May need to pivot to remote learning for a classroom. Will do best to advise night before.
- Also recognize will have many student absences. Educators will provide assessment and feedback on submitted work. No synchronous opportunities. No formal eval of asynchronous learning.
- Explanation of no synchronous learning on Monday
- Discussion of open windows at school – Board says “generally” to keep them closed
  - Alanna: Worked last year
  - Stephanie: Her class is not too cold; never below 19 degrees
- Protocols
- Sarah: Grade 1 son saying can’t leave classroom due to cold weather – is there a limit on gym use? Also not getting enough time to eat. Time restricted?
  - Nathalie: No change to nutrition. Just can’t talk with mask off. Re: leaving the classroom – students all have gym period.
- Kim: Evaluation vs. assessment for students at home?
  - Nathalie: Explains. No exceptions for individual students.
- Nathalie: rapid antigen tests (“RATs”) came home today. Meant to be used when student or staff has symptoms. Take test. If negative, monitor symptoms and take another test 24 hrs later (48 if gastro). If 2<sup>nd</sup> test negative, come back to school. To further shorten 5-day isolation if symptoms improving or gone.
  - Jamie: Follow instructions on school screening form re: when to take tests.
  - Nathalie: We don’t have more tests. Have asked Board for more for when rest of students return in person. School does still have some PCR tests (not replaceable).
  - Heather: Tests for families whose kids are at home?
    - Nathalie: Can come pick them up. Aren’t short that many. If you didn’t get any, let us know.
  - Mary: Have you received the 3-ply masks?
    - Nathalie: Yes. Small and medium. Three ply, goes over the nose, adjustable. We had them before Xmas.  
**Parents, pls keep an eye on whether child’s mask is**



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**fitting.** Got enough for one per student plus some extra.

- 4) Teacher Update (Stephanie)
  - Thank you to Andy for shovelling on Tuesday
  - Hydro presentation to school
  - Tim Tierney presentation
  - Bee City Canada presentation
    - School Council interest in supporting pollinator garden?
  - Grade 2 presentation from Ottawa Humane Society
  
- 5) Fundraising (Margaret)
  - Maria: Spring Book Fair?
    - Leslie: We can do it.
    - Vote: 12+ in favour.
    - Leslie: to reach out to Scholastic re: possible dates for next mtg.
  - Plantables.ca
    - Andy: Still ongoing, just no plants to buy right now. Code: "Growhoppers"
    - Jamie: Need to work out ordering, advertising, etc.
      - Andy: They have advertising. Nothing is delivered to school. Hands off. They send us a cheque.
      - Jamie: Suggestion to advertise monthly.
        - Andy to send info to Donna.
  - Nathalie: Teacher wish lists – Scientists in Schools (drop off materials for in classroom or could raise money for next year)
    - Jamie: Pls get a number for us to vote on at next mtg.
  - Donna: La Phare did virtual pizza kits and comedy night; their Co-Chair can give us details
    - Margaret: Pls get details.
  
- 6) Treasury Report (Kallyan)
  - Kim to advise re: process for accepting donation from Andy
  - Jamie: Did donation to Carson Grove in cash, but still need to do Scholastic credits; will get in touch with Leslie this week.
  
- 7) Roundtable
  - Alanna: Thank you to teachers for online learning.
  - Maria: Outdoor Spring Book Fair? If safe.

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- Nathalie: Kinder Info Night Feb 3; link on website.

8) Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2022.

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### Appendix A: Google Meet Chat

Donna Kind

6:39 PM

Will do!

Jamie McCallum

6:44 PM

Welcome Mary.

Mary Lebeau

6:45 PM

Thanks

Maria Blahoianu

6:48 PM

Portables were so fun!

Jamie McCallum

6:48 PM

Yup. My oldest is so happy to bring a fuzzy blanket to school.

Donna Kind

6:48 PM

That was my understanding too, Alanna - windows open all last winter and no issues that I am aware of

Maria Blahoianu

6:48 PM

My oldest lived in his snow pants. More efficient for fort building

Donna Kind

6:49 PM

My little guy is like a little furnace - always warm!

Margaret Rose

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6:49 PM

The boots got super stinky though!

Donna Kind

6:49 PM

LOL Maria - yes! Less time changing, more time outside

Leslie King Gregory

6:49 PM

I've been keeping tabs on this with my kids and they both report minor temp change, not worth bringing hoodies.

Donna Kind

6:49 PM

You can't please everybody, because not everybody agrees.

Maria Blahoianu

6:50 PM

Hi beth

Donna Kind

6:50 PM

Totally fair

Maria Blahoianu

6:54 PM

Thanks Steph

Donna Kind

6:54 PM

Thank you, Stephanie

Leslie King Gregory

6:58 PM

The days they can't go outside must feel like super long days for our little people.

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Donna Kind

6:59 PM

@Leslie, for sure. And probably for the teachers too! Let's hope for at least slightly warmer weather soon.

Donna Kind

7:02 PM

Thank you, Andy! As always, you are a rock star! :-)

Maria Blahoianu

7:02 PM

Nathalie and Steph - if you have notes, do you mind sending them to Alanna? It's a lot of info and it's really important to communicate it with our community.

Marcus LOVED it

Jamie McCallum

7:03 PM

I can no longer leave my cell charger plugged in. Wasting electricity.

Donna Kind

7:03 PM

LOL Jamie.

Kim Rebenchuk

7:04 PM

We think the 7 educators our SK and 5 EFI students have managed the exceptional circumstances wonderfully these last number of weeks!

Nathalie Sharma

7:04 PM

Thank you so much Kim! I do too and am so proud to have such a dedicated team!

Jamie McCallum

7:05 PM

Andy, plantables!

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Donna Kind

7:06 PM

Thanks for sharing that, Kim. I agree - all of my son's teachers have been amazing, and just roll with all the changes and shifts as they come. We are very lucky to be at RHop!

Andrew Hall

7:07 PM

We have a butterfly garden beside the library door. It just gets mowed some times because a lot of the plants are often considered weeds.

Donna Kind

7:09 PM

Thank you to whoever took the time to split up the 5-packs into 2-packs of Rapid Antigen Tests. A tedious task, I'm sure.

Thank you!

Much appreciated!

Maria Blahoianu

7:10 PM

pls tell them thanks!

Donna Kind

7:11 PM

Province-wide shortage, I think...

Mary Lebeau

7:11 PM

Will you be reserving the 2 each for the students who haven't returned to school yet?

Have you received the 3 ply masks?

Jamie McCallum

7:16 PM

hi Dylan

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Nathalie Sharma

7:16 PM

I do have a 'wishlist' item from some of the staff if you would like something to fundraise for

Donna Kind

7:18 PM

Thank you Leslie!

Donna Kind

7:19 PM

Scientists in Schools is awesome!

Andrew Hall

7:21 PM

It is "Growhoppers" it was GrowHop that got rejected. Plantables.ca

Donna Kind

7:25 PM

Thanks Andy!

Maria Blahoianu

7:26 PM

thanks andy!

Nathalie Sharma

7:26 PM

Thank you Andy!

Donna Kind

7:26 PM

Thank you, Kallyann. You're doing great.

Maria Blahoianu

7:27 PM

puppy!

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Maria Blahoianu

7:29 PM

We love the staff and miss the school!

Donna Kind

7:29 PM

Agreed!

Donna Kind

7:31 PM

I echo Alanna's shout-out! RHop teachers & staff are fantastic and we are very lucky and appreciative!

Next meeting: Thurs. Feb. 17

Donna Kind

7:32 PM

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