



Robert Hopkins School Council

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 21, 2022 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (Jamie)
 - Alanna Twohey
 - Danielle Armengaud
 - Heather Forsyth
 - Jamie McCallum
 - Jennifer Grimsey
 - Leslie King Gregory
 - Margaret Rose
 - Mohamed Moussaoui
 - Nathalie Sharma
 - Stacey Grenier
 - Kallyan Kanti Das
 - Tara Downton McNally
 - Sarah MacGregor
 - Donna Kind
 - Janet Hare
 - Annalee Rice
 - Andy Hall
 - Maria Blahinoau

- 2) School Update (Nathalie)
 - Numbers for next year
 - 370 projected
 - 3 kinder classes
 - 8 EFI classes
 - Lost 1 English class
 - Same learning resources
 - EQAO
 - Happening this year; likely to be held towards deadline, ~May 18-31
 - Breakfast Club volunteers
 - 7:45-8:15 a.m. OR 2:45-3:15 p.m. to prep bins
 - Danielle: Explain process in newsletter? Process has changed and some people may not know. Even request 1 day per week.
 - School leaving ceremony volunteers
 - Currently prioritizing Grade 12 and 8 graduations
 - Will do something for Grade 5s but don't know what at this point. Then will ask for volunteers.
 - No school tour of Henry Munro this year.
 - School climate survey this week
 - Grade 4 students
 - Food Drive
 - Pls send nonperishable items
 - Ramadan

- Have a fasting/prayer area
- ASD Awareness Month
 - Daily announcements
- Secure School
 - Per email
 - When student needs space for safety, because we don't have walls, we lock doors and they have space in halls to do what they need to do in safety, away from other students
 - Today, it went on longer, and had students try to enter the hall, so called for Secure School (students in classroom, continue learning) – approx. 30 mins total.
 - Two reasons: safety and to maintain dignity of the student
- VP Switch
 - Decided by Board
 - Will invite students to send cards to M. LaFrance

3) Teacher Update (Jennifer)

- Photo presentation
- Forest walks, reading buddies recommenced
- Ms. Grimsey to be Literacy Coach for the rest of the year; new emphasis on foundational (phonemic) skills

4) Fundraising Update (Margaret) – see Community Update Emails

- Plantables.ca, Code “GROWHOPPERS”
 - Ongoing now
 - Andy: Earned \$40 so far
- Scholastic Book Fair
 - Yesterday to April 30
 - Packages to ship to school for distribution in backpacks (unless parents email otherwise)
- Fun Fair/Spring Picnic (Jamie)
 - Outdoors and school community only will be acceptable
 - Food and games; face painting?
 - Budget limitations; may have to cancel due to COVID and lose deposits
 - Afternoon of May 14 or June 4?
 - Natalie prefers June 4; May 14 is not a lot of time to pull it together
 - Donna: Tim Tierney Fair is June 3/4
 - Jamie: His staff have offered to help. See if a backup available to cover for Nathalie and do May 14?
 - June 18?
 - Nathalie: Teachers will have report cards done; may have a better idea of what we are able to do, and more time to prepare.
 - Jamie: May be too hot.
 - Andy: Obstacle course? Face painting and bouncy house are both expensive and not COVID-safe.
 - Nathalie: Board is discouraging booking expensive things in advance. Worried about face painting.
 - Jamie: **June 18, 10:30-1:30 p.m.**

- Volunteers:
 - Janet
 - Andy
 - Heather
 - Alanna
 - Margaret
 - Donna
 - Annalee
 - Sarah
- Margaret: Promo booth for Council; jar for donations

5) Budget Update (Kallyan)

- Current balance \$2,653.10
 - Scientists in the Schools: \$1,500.00
 - Float for next year: \$1,200.00
- Jamie: Budget for Fun Fair? Will need to have money back in for September for Welcome BBQ
 - Margaret: **\$500** from Board for parent outreach
 - Andy: moves.
 - Maria: seconds.
 - None opposed. Passed.
- Kallyan: suggests sending email inviting donations from alumni and school community
 - Nathalie: Write a cheque campaign at Welcome BBQ
 - Andy: Suggests listing specific projects we're working towards
- Margaret: Fundscrip GCs idea
- Jamie: Flyer neighbourhoods re: Plantables to increase uptake? Nathalie to make copies? Make clear it is open to everyone, even other cities.
 - Donna: Henry Munro doing same fundraiser. Conversation with them?
 - Danielle: In charge of Plantables for HMMS. No cause for concern.
 - Kallyan: Will photocopy.
 - Volunteers for flyering:
 - Jamie
 - Alanna
 - Heather
 - Jennifer

6) Closing - *Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Google Meet Chat Log

Stacey Grenier

6:36 PM

Good evening!

I will log back in:)

Donna Kind

6:36 PM

Hello Ms. Stacey!

Well then, bonjour Mme. Stacey!

Donna Kind

6:47 PM

I think that's a good idea, Danielle. It's probably not a huge commitment of time, but people may not realize that. A simple explanation of what it involves may very well help.

Jennifer Grimsey

6:48 PM

Maybe we could create a sign up or a link in the email to parents to state what day of the week they could help.

Donna Kind

6:48 PM

Also a good point - much easier for people to commit if they know it only needs to be 1 day per week if that's what they can do.

Love the idea of a sign-up sheet, Jen!

Donna Kind

6:50 PM

That's too bad. But the online tour of Henry Munro last year was well done.

tara downtonmcnally

6:51 PM

yea and we are doing a leaving ceremony for the gr 8 HM .. too bad the gr 5 cant

Andrew Hall

6:54 PM

Beth is sad

Donna Kind

6:55 PM

Yes, Dylan is very sad to hear M. Lafrance is leaving too.

Andrew Hall

6:57 PM

Me too!

Donna Kind

6:57 PM

Yay! Love the forest walks and reading buddies!

Andrew Hall

7:00 PM

Beth told us too

Donna Kind

7:00 PM

Thank you so much for sharing all the photos - always nice to see what's going on inside the school and what the kids are up to!

Donna Kind

7:02 PM

Ohhhh, Dylan will be so sad! But what a great opportunity for you, and what a great fit for your amazing skills! You've helped Dylan so much with his reading. Thank you! And congrats and best wishes!

Yay! That's great news!

Mohamed Moussaoui

7:03 PM

best wishes

Mohamed Moussaoui

7:04 PM

thank you

Donna Kind

7:04 PM

We will miss you, and we look forward to seeing you back in the fall! Enjoy this opportunity! <3

Jennifer Grimsey

7:04 PM

Thank you very much

Leslie King Gregory

7:04 PM

Good luck! Will miss seeing you in the mornings :)

tara downtonmcnally

7:04 PM

you will be missed and congrats at the same time !!!

Andrew Hall

7:05 PM

We have earned \$40 so far on Plantables

Donna Kind

7:05 PM

Thanks, Andy!

I still need to order mine! :-)

Andrew Hall

7:05 PM

Thank you Donna for sending the advertising information

Donna Kind

7:06 PM

You're welcome... and sorry we started so late. Both Margaret and I got caught up in other things.... but we're on a roll now, with notices in Nathalie's weekly updates and lots of tweets!

Andrew Hall

7:06 PM

Me too

Stacey Grenier

7:09 PM

I will be available

Donna Kind

7:16 PM

Great idea Andy - that was fun, and it's free, safe, and fairly easy to set up.

Annalee Rice

7:17 PM

We could do games like bean bag toss / ring toss / suction cup archery.

Donna Kind

7:17 PM

I think the school or council owns things like a fish pond, ring toss...

Andrew Hall

7:18 PM

Take me outside day as fun fair

I can make myself available when ever

Margaret Rose

7:18 PM

I think that May 14 is too soon to get it together effectively.

Stacey Grenier

7:19 PM



Donna Kind

7:19 PM

So the options were: May 14, May 28, or June 18, correct? (I think based on discussion June 4 is not a good option due to Tim Tierney's conflicting Celebrate Summer event).

June 18 sounds good to me.

Andrew Hall

7:19 PM

I like June 18th

Sarah MacGregor

7:20 PM

I can help

You

7:20 PM

I can help.

Annalee Rice

7:20 PM

I can help

Heather Forsyth

7:20 PM

I can help

Margaret Rose

7:20 PM

I can help with planning too

Donna Kind

7:20 PM

Great - June 18 it is!

I can help

C Hare

7:20 PM

Me too!

Andrew Hall

7:20 PM

Me too

tara downtonmcnally

7:22 PM

i will get back to you about helping when i know more about how baby is doing .. next apt 28 april i will have better idea i think

Donna Kind

7:22 PM

Love that Margaret! And love the idea of Margaret saying that again in video.

I can help you figure out how to promote Council, Margaret.

Donna Kind

7:27 PM

Sorry, what was the \$1200 for again? \$1500 for Scientists in School and \$1200 for ???

Margaret Rose

7:27 PM

\$1200 float

Jennifer Grimsey

7:27 PM

What about a 50/50?

Sarah MacGregor

7:27 PM

I can ask Joachim if he can do a "by donation" bike tune up on the side...?

Donna Kind

7:27 PM

Ah, got it. Thanks Margaret

Jennifer Grimsey

7:28 PM

My apologies... I will not encourage that :)

Donna Kind

7:28 PM

Sounded like a good idea, but I think you may be right about the board considering it gambling...

That's a great idea, if Joachim is willing, Sarah. Lots of people would probably love a bike tune-up, for a donation.

Donna Kind

7:31 PM

We can amp up the Plantables advertising. Maybe a few posters in school, morning announcements, more tweets...?

Donna Kind

7:32 PM

And let me know when you are ready for me to promote Fundscripts (sp?)

You

7:32 PM

Fundscrip, I believe

Margaret Rose

7:33 PM

Thanks! We haven't gotten it set up before.

I mean yet.

Donna Kind

7:33 PM

Very valid point, Andy. We can figure out a specific ask. Maybe even for Scientists in Schools...

Andrew Hall

7:34 PM

We have a LOT of procrastinating gardeners in the hood. Its never too late

You

7:34 PM

I can flyer!

Heather Forsyth

7:35 PM

I can flyer too

tara downtonmcnally

7:35 PM

HM is also doing the cards too

Andrew Hall

7:35 PM

Danielle is the boss of HMMS platables

Stacey Grenier

7:36 PM

Thank you , I look forward to supporting these great ideas. Have a nice weekend!

Donna Kind

7:38 PM

Good point, Danielle, HM has a broader reach that they can take advantage of if they so choose. Thank!

Donna Kind

7:40 PM

Thank you, Nathalie and thank you, Kallyann! Now we just have to create a flyer! :-)

Annalee Rice

7:40 PM

We could help flyer too

Andrew Hall

7:40 PM

yup

Jennifer Grimsey

7:40 PM

I am able to flyer as I walk the dog.

Leslie King Gregory

7:40 PM

Sounds good!

Donna Kind

7:41 PM

Great! \$500 Parent Outreach fund to be spent on BBQ

tara downtonmcnally

7:42 PM

yes

You

7:42 PM

plantables.ca

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Donna Kind

7:42 PM

Thanks Alanna!

Council's twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/rhopcouncil>

Donna Kind

7:43 PM

@rhopcouncil

Donna Kind

7:45 PM

It was huge! And definitely bigger in nice weather! :-)

Maria Blahoianu

7:45 PM

WE USED TO HAVE PONIES

Donna Kind

7:45 PM

LOL the weather forecast is definitely not accurate. We just cross our fingers and hope for the best! And we've been pretty lucky most years.

You

7:45 PM

Haha my neighbours - who are in their 70s - still talk about the ponies

Donna Kind

7:45 PM

See Jamie run. :-)

Sounds good

Donna Kind

7:47 PM

Nest meeting: Thurs. May 19

LOL oops

Next!

Leslie King Gregory

7:47 PM

thanks Jamie and all!