



Robert Hopkins School Council

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement (Jamie)
- 2) School Update
 - Roles and responsibilities of school council are reiterated (a point of connection within the community)
 - Student Family Advocate Presentation

The SFA program supports children between the ages of 6-15, however because of their holistic approach, they support the whole family by:

 - Attending school meetings when advocating for parents and students
 - Work directly with families to support them in overcoming barriers when navigating school systems
 - Address concerns of racism
 - Support families and children with access to community resources and services
 - Provide counselling on academic-related issues for parents

Should you feel you have need SFA support, please reach out to Principa Sharma and she will be happy to connect you with an avocate.
 - Org and Staffing Updates: 16 homerooms, 3 KG, 8 EFI, 5 ENG
 - 370 projected school population
 - One English class was lost
 - Kinder Info Night
 - Can be done in person this year
 - EQAO – if parent volunteers are needed, a call will be made
 - May 30th to June 2nd, make up sessions as needed
 - Students are doing practice tests
 - Yard Clean Up
 - Kindness/WITS
 - Conflict resolutions strategies
 - School leaving ceremony
 - June 28, 2022 from 11 to 12:45
 - Track and field
 - Week of June 13-17, Grade 3-5 only, however the younger

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classes will incorporate some activities

- Food drive – great job, over 800 items collected

3) Teacher Update

- Earth Rangers held a presentation virtually to promote conservation educations and protecting wildlife
- Butterflies and seeds are coming up
- Pysanky eggs for Easter to celebrate Ukrainian heritage
- Grade 3 EFL students made their own butter in social studies
- Lacrosse activities in Ms. Corkum and Ms. Kishfy's classes
- More things to come in June!!!

4) Fundraising Update

- Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair

- Thanks to Donna and Leslie, and to Kim in the office for help with distribution
- Sales of \$651.10
- Much less than the Fall, probably because of limited selection. Recommend keeping it to once a year in future
- Current Scholastic credits balance: \$665.90, but there are still some teacher purchases pending.
- In-person Book Fair scheduled for Nov 9-11, 2022. This can be changed to virtual if needed, of course.
- Plantables.ca, Code "GROWHOPPERS"

Plantables

- Thanks to all the volunteers and their families who helped deliver about 1000 flyers: Annalee, Andy, Alanna, Heather, Jamie, Suraya, Jennifer, Giselle, Lillian, Jocelyn, and Erin. Many hands made for light work!
- 24 orders have been placed. Eagerly awaiting our plants!
- Current funds raised: \$162.
- Cheque will be issued June 1. Any purchases after that just go onto next year's cheque.
- Fun Fair / Spring Picnic June 18th
 - BBQ
 - Games with small prizes (donations needed)
 - Lunch can be brought from home for the picnic, or bought at the event
 - Margaret is putting together a diverse list of songs for entertainment (thanks Margaret)
 - AMA to do a presentation and a raffle
- Council Awareness and Donation Drive

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Council Awareness and Donation Drive

- Will coincide with Spring picnic and have a table with poster, donation jar, ipad for collecting email addresses
- Accompanying messaging will aim to:
 - Increase awareness of council's role and contributions to the school
 - Generate new participation from the school community for the coming year
 - Solicit donations to support our work
- Opportunity to donate through School Cash Online before and after the event
- Council members attending the event can wear an identifier to encourage people to "ask me about School Council"?

5) Budget Update

Treasury Report
May 19, 2022

As on April 30, 2022 ->Balance:

\$2,653.10 Current Balance: \$2,653.10

6) Roundtable and Closing

- School gardens, butterfly and front of school
- Teacher appreciation lunch
 - June 24th tentatively (approximately 43 people)
- Drinks and snacks at Smoky's after the meeting (corner of Shefford and Loyola)

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2022