



Robert Hopkins School Council

Record of Discussion

**Thursday, September 15, 2022
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

1) Welcome and introductions

- Maria Blahoianu, Outgoing Co-Chair
- Leslie Gregory
- Donna Kind, Outgoing Communications Chair
- Tara McNally
- Alanna Twohey, Outgoing Secretary
- Heather Forsyth
- Kallyan Kanti Das, Outgoing Treasurer
- Kristin Bowden
- Matthew McFadden
- Sarah McMaster
- Janet Hare
- Kristina Lilius
- Sarah MacGregor
- Annalee Rice
- Paul Seif, Teacher Rep (other Teacher Rep will be Jen Grimsey)

- Nathalie Sharma, Principal
- Stacey Grenier, Vice Principal
- Suraya Shah Gilani

2) Land acknowledgement – Nathalie

3) Scope and purpose of School Council – Maria

4) Recap of last year’s activities – Maria

5) Current budget status – Kallyan - \$3,955.08

6) Executive Committee elections

- Co-Chair – Jamie McCallum
 - Nominated by Maria
 - Seconded by Alanna
 - Motion carried
- Co-Chair – Alanna
 - Nominated by Donna
 - Seconded by Heather
 - Motion carried

- Treasurer – Matthew
 - Nominated by Maria
 - Seconded by Janet
 - Motion carried

- Secretary – Kristin
 - Nominated by Tara
 - Seconded by Maria
 - Motion carried

- Communications Chair - Donna
 - Nominated by Heather
 - Seconded by Tara
 - Motion carried

- Fundraising Chair – Vacant
 - Proposed to have volunteers manage each event

- Greening Chair – Annalee Rice
 - Nominated by Donna (during discussion of School Yard Tree Planting Grant Program)
 - Seconded by Alanna
 - Motion carried

- Member at Large (Voting)
 - Suraya
 - Andy (via message)

- Kallyan
- Heather
- Maria
- Leslie
- Tara
- Annalee
- Sarah McMaster
- Janet
- Kristina
- Sarah McGregor
- Em Damiani (via email from Kristina)

7) Request from M. Paul

- School Yard Tree Planting Grant Program (City of Ottawa).
 - Application due June 1. They want letters from principal, Board, School Council rep, etc.; 3-year maintenance and watering schedule (60-90 mins of water per week); where we want trees and what type; must send photo of trees for 3 years, etc.
 - Tara: Who pays for water?
 - Suraya; Sara can water
 - Annalee: Greening Chair could get help from Tamara and David Handelman

8) School Update – Nathalie

- 340 students; 16 home rooms (3 kinder)
- Terry Fox Run September 23; volunteers needed for off-school route
- Literacy initiatives
- School photos – Edge Imaging? Early October date. Individual photos and composites.
- Mascot to be developed
 - Colonel By art department/students to update mural?

9) Welcome BBQ

- Coordinator and volunteer sign-up; baked goods
 - Maria to circulate volunteer sign up with time breakdowns and roles via email; add to newsletter
 - Reminder: no sesame seeds on buns
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. for Meet the Teacher; then 5:45-6:45 p.m. for BBQ.]
- Thursday, September 29.

10) Glow Run (Stephanie Reid; future coordinator needed to shadow her)

- October 28
- Volunteers needed
- School closed; bathroom closed
- It's a fundraiser

11) School directory

- Volunteer needed – Kristina
- Can be electronic if privacy-secure (Google doc?) with paper copies available as needed

12) Future meeting dates

- 3rd Thursday of the month
- Next meeting October 20

13) Roundtable

- Janet: First scholastic bookfair?
 - Leslie: Scheduled for November 9-11. Move to November 23-25 to align with parent-teacher interviews. Will need volunteers.
 - Maria: May do a spaghetti night fundraiser, which would require volunteers.
- Suraya: Can we use the parking lot again?
 - Nathalie: No, not safe. Kids walk through parking lot. Not open at start or end of day. No schools open them. Can only enter during day to pick children up for appointment, etc.
- Suraya: People bringing dogs to pick up.
 - Maria/Nathalie: Reminder in newsletter to control dogs.

Meeting Adjourned 8:16 p.m.