



Robert Hopkins School Council

Record of Discussion

Thursday, March 9, 2023

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, introductions and thank you for help with the PRO grant and 67s game.

Attendance:

- Alanna Twohey, Co-Chair
- Stacey Grenier, Vice Principal
- Nathalie Sharma, Principal
- Jennifer Grimsey, Teacher Representative
- Heather Forsyth
- Janet Hare
- Alexandra Arraiz
- Em Damiani, Diversity chair
- Andy Hall
- Sarah MacGregor

- 2) Land acknowledgement (Em)

- 3) Motion to approve minutes from February 16, 2022 meeting

- Motion by Em
- Seconded by Andy
- Motion carried

4) School Updates:

Admin Report (Nathalie)

- Superintendent came to the 67s game, met staff, was very impressed, and had a great time.
- Report Cards and IEPs: it was a very collaborative assessment and meaningfully considered for each student. IEPs were addressed well, gaps identified and amended, and questions are encouraged.
- Tutoring and Support: Ending at the end of March.
 - Volunteers will be requested to keep this going
- Literacy Growth:
 - Great gains in both English and French streams – Immersion teachers have adapted the English lessons and are seeing the gains as well – and there are structured literacy programs in all classes
 - Tier 2 and 3 interventions are still happening
 - Teachers are seeing great progress and improvements in literacy due to new initiatives in teaching and with support from tutors
- End of Year:
 - Plans for June 26th underway – no other school in the area is using that date for their end of year events
 - Earlier orientation at Henry Munro (early June) IN PERSON this year
- Mascot Selection:
 - Nathalie reached out to Summerside to get ideas about selecting a

school mascot and the recommendation was to assemble a team of members from each division and employee groups to bring ideas forward. Stacey mentioned that when done before, the students have been instrumental in bringing ideas.

- OPH Nurse (Nathalie Dore) has offered for OPH to do a Parent Readiness Info Session – looks like it will happen in the spring

Teacher's Report (Jennifer)

- Grade 3 building structures with unique materials
- M. Paul's grade 2s working on a world map and 3D models that tie into both the school families' cultures and favourite soccer players' cultures
- Spirit Days are well-loved and engagement in high
- Mrs Harris' class is doing daily reading and making yearbooks where they interview celebrities around the school. In phys ed, they are doing target practice and in the class they are using pizza to work on learning descriptions and fractions.
- Mme Desbiens' core French class worked on papier mache Carnival Masks – cultural festivals and French practice for the descriptions.
- Kinder classes have been making boomwhackers and wonderful noise. There is a lot of building and mazes, with LEGO, etc.
- Outdoor learning is ramping up with the good weather and there are many "sno-tels" with high room rates...
- Ms Furlong's 4/5s worked on collaborative writing on the book "The Wild

Robot”

- Grade 3 EFI wrote vividly imaginative stories about donuts.
- Mme Stephanie’s Grade 1 EFI have been doing French plays, puppets, and coding/predictions.
- RHOP Junior choir sang the national anthem at Ottawa 67s Hockey Game February 24th, with 54 members in attendance – largest ever? They were excited, did an amazing job, and are asking to do it again next year.
- Blues in the Schools – 2 weeks leading up to March Break there were 4 guest musicians showcasing the different forms/evolution of the blues. Great student participation. A core group of 30 Grade 4/5s were selected randomly to work with 3 musicians to write their own original songs together and perform covers for the whole school on March 10th.
- Choir continues, working on Matilda pieces. Chime choir continues as well.
- Tripleball, running club, dance club, LEGO club (TBD), and track and field are all coming up.
- Something coming that is yet to be announced!

5) Budget Update – Alanna (on behalf of Matthew)

- Asks approved
 - Teachers asking if the surplus money that had been allotted for initiatives like Scientists in the Schools can be put toward other curriculum field trips
 - Janet motioned, Andy seconded – all in favour/passed

- 67s game earnings \$1185 gross from 257 tickets, which is better than expected. Em presented report on behalf of Jamie with regard to 67s game: 54 kids total/257 tickets. The kids were excited and a huge thanks to Ms. Grimsey for this. The 67s were great but the seating was an issue to take into consideration for future events, as the seats were not marked as to which were ours (which had been requested) so it was confusing. Collecting emails was tricky as parents did not fill out the separate second form, so Ms. Kim had to chase down email addresses – big thanks to Ms. Kim for all her support and time spent getting us organized.

6) PRO Grant (Alanna, Nathalie)

- Grant was successful – big thanks to Jamie for writing it and to everyone who helped.
- May/June Council meetings at 2020 Jasmine, Trustee coming to last April meeting at RHop (13th)
- Jamie will reach out for help when necessary, but is working on getting the room, a security guard (required), a translator, and food from a bakery.
- Nathalie working on key messages for our target group of school families, hoping to get to translate these messages for communications going out in the near future
- Looking forward to receiving feedback and learning what the barriers are

7) Fun Fair and Silent Auction (Janet)

- Thanks to the Silent Auction committee

- Janet has sent out a spreadsheet for the auction with 2 sheets to reference and a sample letter for prospective donors
- With regard to asking Canada's Wonderland for a donation, they require the requestor to be a not for profit group so Council cannot ask, must be from an OCDSB source as a third party checks that for them. Nathalie will follow up on this.
- Need more volunteers for Fun Fair
- Community updates coming closer to the date
- DJ committed for Fun Fair
- Idea for an in-school raffle for student events like "Principal for the day"

8) Spring Dance

- Letting it go this year

9) Talent show end of April?

10) Roundtable

- Jasmine Crescent babysitters? Yes, that is the intention but we need to check for a separate space and for capacities
- Flyers for the Jasmine Crescent meetings? Yes, we need to check with the building management about doing that/can we get them translated first/should we send printed flyers home with students in their backpacks or add it to the school message calls from Ms. Kim?
- Can we change the name of the Council meetings to make it more approachable/inclusive in case that is keeping families away. Ideas to

include “parents” or “community” in title, dropping the words “council”
and “meeting” to set a more informal and welcoming tone.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Next Meeting April 13th, 2023 @ 6:30-8:00pm at Rhop

*** was to be April 20th, but that is the beginning of Eid and we need to accommodate all of the
families’ ability to join if they wish***

Informal discussion continued:

Plantables is year-round, but a communication is going to be sent out to remind families to
order and the company just needs to be updated with a date which is typically the same every
year, as are the codes (Andy is communicating with them?)