



**Robert Hopkins School Council**

# Record of Discussion

**Thursday, June 15th, 2023**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

1) Welcome, introductions and thank yous to outgoing council members, Andy Hall,

Danielle Armengaud and Stephanie Reid

- Jamie McCallum, Co-Chair
- Alanna Twohey, Co-Chair
- Nathalie Sharma, Principal
- Stacey Grenier, Vice Principal
- Jennifer Grimsey, Teacher Representative
- Matthew McFadden, Treasurer
- Janet Hare
- Em Damiani, Diversity chair
- Nick Fundytus
- Sarah McGregor
- Andy Hall
- Maria Blahoianu
- Annalee Rice
- Interpreter

2) Land acknowledgement (Em)

3) Approval of Minutes from May, 2023, moved by Annalee, seconded by Alanna

4) School Updates:

Admin Report (Nathalie)

- See attached slideshow

Teacher's Report (Jennifer)

- See attached slideshow

5) Budget Update – (Matthew)

- See attached
- Minimum \$10,000 earned by Fun Fair / Silent Auction

6) Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony

- Budget of \$400 approved in the fall
- Maria will take the lead
- Jamie - pick up and deliver helium balloons, help with set-up, serving and clean-up
- Janet - help with set-up serving and clean-up
- Maria - purchase 180 nut-free cupcakes from Loblaws (\$250), 20 gluten free vegan cupcakes from strawberry blonde, (\$75), set-up, serving, clean-up
- Nathalie - provide Maria numbers for vegan and gluten free cupcakes
- Grade 5's decorate bulletin board
- 10am set-up, 10:30-11:30 ceremony and reception
- Jamie motion, Maria second to increase leaving ceremony budget from \$400 to \$500. Motion accepted.

7) Titans Day

- Majority vote to contribute \$200 to event

8) School ask for \$2100 to re-paint lines for games on pavement

Motion by Maria, seconded by Nick, motion passed.

9) School ask for \$4200 for buses for field trips

Motion put forward Alanna, seconded by Nick, motion passed.

10) School ask for \$2400 for enrichment activities for students

Motion put forward by Alanna, seconded by Nick, motion passed.

11) School ask for \$2000 for French and English Decodable books

Motion put forward by Nick, seconded by Alanna, motion passed.

12) Discussion of amendment to constitution to address off topic discussion during meetings.

Motion put forward by Nick, seconded by Janet, motion passed.

13) Fun Fair Wrap Up

Next year provide free tickets to needy families identified by teachers

Huge success, thank yous to all, especially Jen Grimsey, Janet Hare, Jamie

McCallum, volunteers and staff

14) Pro Grant Funds Remaining

Attempts to attract new membership were unsuccessful

Use remaining funds to bring interpreters to 2023 Welcome BBQ in as many languages as possible to facilitate school tours and discussion  
what to do with remaining funds since we were unsuccessful

Staff to determine how many interpreters and in what languages

15) Staff Appreciation Lunch

Nick is circulating sign-up list

16) Tree Grant Application (Annalee), see attached slides

Application accepted. In the fall the forestry people will come and give advice about type of trees to choose. At the beginning we will start with about 20 trees in order to facilitate adequate watering. Volunteers will be needed to help. The final approval will be in December 2023 and planting will begin in spring 2024.

17) Outgoing Teacher gifts

Council traditionally purchases a book for the library dedicated to each outgoing teacher.

Motion made by Nick, seconded by Em, motion accepted, to purchase one book per outgoing teacher.

Nathalie to provide names and titles to Jamie who will purchase book to be gifted at end of year assembly.

18) Glow Run

Permit application has been made by Alanna, insurance information incoming

Remaining work will be organized in fall 2023

19) Bike Rack / Kinder mischief

Police have been called, signs will be put up, sensor lights installed by school board.

Discussion about connecting with BHCA to make community aware of problem

Alanna to write brief letter to give to neighbours across from school to keep an eye out.

Jamie mentioned historical presence of neighbourhood watch which has not been present in more than 10 years.

School is looking for donations of mini picnic table, outdoor furniture items to replace damage to kinder yard.

20) Council T-shirts

Nick has offered to fund T-shirts for school council members for improved visibility at events.

Next Meeting September 21st, 2023 @6:30-8:00pm RHop School Library

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm