



## Robert Hopkins School Council

### Record of Discussion Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:30-7:11 p.m.

In Attendance: Mahzar Ali, Danielle Armengaud, Maria Blahoianu, Kristen Bowden, Brunella Buscicchio, Leslie Gregory, Andy Hall, Mina Khayam, Donna Kind, Kristina Lilius, Sarah MacGregor, Annalee Rice, Margaret Rose, and Tamara Taub, as well as School Principal Louise Hutchinson and Teacher Stephanie Simonelli.  
(Missing the other newcomer and about three others...?)

#### 1) Welcome and Introduction

#### 2) School update

- Things that are going well: familiar faces, patience, attendance, participation, working and learning.
- Work-in-progress: adopting new schedules, meet etiquette (camera on, mic off), technology (internet connection, tablet friendly apps), making activities as hands-on as possible, especially for kindergarten.
- Toonie Tuesday is coming up, February 23rd. Donations online will be welcomed. (<https://www.educationfoundationottawa.ca/in-your-school/toonie-tuesday/>)
- School will be checking in with parents of all grade 2 students to find out which ones will continue on to Core French or French Immersion programme.
- School will also be checking with parents of grade 5 students to find out which ones will go to Henry Munro Middle School or elsewhere.
- As of now, Robert Hopkins is a “zero transfer” school, meaning that students out of district can request transfers but are not guaranteed acceptance. Only new registrants in the zone.
- Question was raised about virtual students coming back, whether they would automatically be allowed back. As far as is known, students who currently opted for virtual learning will be accepted back at the appropriate time(?).
- Question about when staffing/ student numbers begin. Discussions will begin next week.

#### 3) Roundtable

- It was broadly noted that teachers are doing amazing work with the short notice switch to online school, managing classes, engaging students, and so on. Looking for ideas on ways to thank them.
- PD Day next Friday, January 22 - Report Card day for teachers.
- New-to-Canada parent asked about information about how to prepare/what is needed for kids going to school when it resumes in person. We have a very supportive community and can help. Email the school council ([rhopcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rhopcouncil@gmail.com)) and someone will get in touch with you.
- There was a request asking if teachers could help encourage students to go outside for recess.
- Comment about what an amazing community we have here through the School Council, as we need it more than ever.
- Comment/suggestion about how getting the kids outside before school can help setup for a more positive mood.



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- Question about if there are ways we can support teachers.

4) Meeting adjourned 7:11 p.m.