



## Robert Hopkins School Council

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, June 10, 2021**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
  1. Andy Hall, Co-Chair
  2. Alanna Twohey, Secretary
  3. Danielle Armengaud
  4. Jennifer Grimsey
  5. Kristina Lilius
  6. Leslie King Gregory
  7. Lookman Arz
  8. Louise Hutchinson
  9. Kristina Lilius
  10. Margaret Rose, Treasurer
  11. Maria Blahoianu, Co-Chair
  12. Donna Kind, Communications Chair
  13. Mary Lebeau
  14. Holly Stoss
  15. Stephanie Simonelli
  16. Tamara Taub
  17. Sandra Librach
  18. Janet Hare
  19. Suraya Gilani
  
- 2) School Report (Louise)
  - June is national Indigenous History Month and Pride Month
  - Denouncement of Islamophobia following London tragedy
  - Report cards
  - Staffing changes to follow in school newsletter
  - Teacher Update (Ms. Grimsey & Ms. Simonelli)
  
- 3) Council Update
  - Fundraiser Update – Plantables (Andy)
    - Finished
    - \$140 raised
  
  - Reconciliation Garden (Andy)
    - To send Google document for families to sign up for watering schedule
  
  - Parents for Diversity Virtual Speaker Night: Understanding Equity in Education – May 27, 2021 (Andy)
    - Seeking to maintain increased diversity at School Council

- Louise: Presentation centred on secondary school
- Maria: Wanted more focus on things we could do
- Leslie: Wanted more focus on younger children
- Suraya: Unfamiliarity with English is a barrier for new members; would help to have basic descriptions of roles, etc.; can feel alone/foreign; issues of morality – has to be diverse and have new people; outgoing members should assist new; also, online is a challenge
- Andy: Also a factor that School Council has been the same group of people for 15 years; can be hard to come into. School Board has always offered an introduction to school councils
- Danielle: Volunteers Brunella to participate and discuss her experience coming to the school and Council from another country
- Donna: Worth seeking a presentation specific to our school or at least grade levels, where we could ask questions beforehand, rather than hopping in one geared towards high school. Is it possible to translate meeting minutes? Board has some translation tools. Maybe we should draft documents that explain what Council is about and have them translated into numerous languages. Challenging to have new people in exec positions because they must be elected in the first 30 days.
- Maria: OCDSB recommends moving meetings times, translating ads into different languages, providing childcare; consider moving meetings offsite so people on other side of Montreal Rd., for example, don't have to bus (e.g., at library).
  - Louise: Gloucester High School library/auditorium

#### 4) Introduction of:

- Principal Nathalie Sharma
- Vice-Principal Nicholas (Nic) Lafrance
  - Danielle: Is VP a full-time position?
  - No. 50-50.

#### 5) Around the Table

- Suraya: Idea for small groups within kinder; idea for naming kinder classes after Indigenous groups
  - Louise: Will note small groups for when it is safe to do so
- Danielle: Thank you to parents of Grade 5s who are leaving; thank you to Andy and Maria  
[crying and goodbyes 😞]
- Lookman: Idea to include French language conversation at Council

**End of meeting.**