

December 8th, 2020 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting

Minutes

Attendees: Daphne Dumbrille, Bryce Colenbrander, Martina Sherwood, Christopher Werely, Claire Kerry, Allison Kelley, Matt Brown, Norah Lynn Paddock, Cecilia Fritz-Gegesy, Erik Van Der Torre, Deborah MacAskill, Petra Heitkamp, Jane Allison, Rachael Hunter, Fran Morrison, Dean Paripoush, Heather Barrett, Deborah Gomes Schultz.

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes moved by Eric Van Der Torre and seconded by Bryce Colenbrander.
Carried, none opposed

2. Principals report

- 2020-2021 registrations dates have been released.

Kick-off to 2021-2022 Registration Monday, January 18 to Monday, January 25,
2021

Elementary Student Transfer:

Application Period Monday, February 1 to Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Secondary Student Transfer:

Application Period Monday, February 1 to Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Middle French Immersion:

Registration Period Monday, February 8 to Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The information can also be found on the Board's website: www.ocdsb.ca.

- Kindergarten Information Night will be January 19th, 2021 at 6:30pm and will be held virtually. Details about this evening will be advertised shortly. If anyone has a neighbour who has a young person who may be a candidate, please let them know.
- This year has been a challenging one on so many levels and our school community has done a wonderful job supporting each other. A huge thank you to our school team, our families and our students. Our intermediate students in particular have shown resilience and perseverance and we are so proud of them. Last week, with the support of some of their educators, they took the lead and presented a virtual assembly. Student led initiatives that were highlighted included the food drive (which was a massive success this morning, bringing in over 1000 food items), sharing the equity/anti-racism work that is being done by our students in our prism club – they

spoke about the Black Lives Matter buttons they produced using the artwork of OCDSB student, Eve Cowan, drew attention to a fabulous display they developed in our atrium, and presented a video that was part of the Rainbow Bridges Film Festival held in November. The Rainbow Bridges program is a youth-for-youth model, where secondary students work alongside GSA's and equity clubs to create short films aimed at welcoming incoming grade 9 students who will be entering school. Link: <https://youtu.be/gaeYi6XZ3DU> The video featured was created by Julia Beall and Sammy Cormier at Glebe Collegiate Institute. Our Intermediate students at Hopewell are taking the lead, being courageous and using their voice. This is inspiring and exciting to see. We have so much to learn from one another!

We wish everyone on council a wonderful holiday and look forward to an excellent 2021!

Question: Would it be possible for the virtual learners who previously attended Hopewell Ave P.S still receive the emailed newsletter? Currently the email is sent via school messenger so only sends to those who are registered at the actual school. Martina Sherwood will look into how to import other contacts to the regular school messages.

Question: Could other community members displaced with homeschooling this year could they receive email updates on the website? Agreed yes it would be possible.

3. Budget

Norah Lynn Paddock presented the Budget for the 2020/21 School year. This year's School Council budget is based on an assumption of no funding (zero revenue), with no expectations from the school for funding and to do good where it is possible.

There is a healthy opening balance of \$32k, so should be able to give some funds to help the school where needed. The priorities identified are:

1. Project SANDBox (kinder yard)
2. PE and Library
3. Being flexible in order to respond to changing situations.

Expenditure allocated as follows:

Yard

\$10k for Kindergarten yard only

Question: For the yard expenditure are we sure that we don't need any more funds for the yard. The trees are maturing and need less water so there isn't need for a watering expenditure but if the yard does require some ad hoc work we would be able to access funds from the say yes line.

Curriculum Enrichment

No allocation to curriculum groups this year

\$2k for PE equipment (increase of \$1k)

\$2k for Library (same as previous year)

\$2k Say Yes Fund (increased by \$1k) to be allocated at Martina Sherwood's discretion

Other Expenditure

\$2.6k for Cross country ski trip, allocated but if by Feb 2021 it is clear the trip will not go ahead then the budget committee will decide if to carry money over or allocate where needed this year.

\$200 staff appreciation gifts (retirement gifts)

\$500 staff year end lunch

\$700 Grade 8 Graduation, not sure what form this will be in but want to do something to recognise their graduation.

\$0 Philanthropy a large amount was donated in 2019/2020 due to hot lunch refunds not requested.

\$50 Photocopies

\$35 OCASC Duties

\$300 Bank charges

\$11k "Say yes" fund - this is to permit the flexibility to respond to changes in this school year. Any decisions for spending here will be raised at the School council meeting.

Low opening balance for 2021/22 school year of \$400.

Question: Does having a \$400 balance impact at the beginning of the school year? Is there anything that needs to be paid for in September that this amount will not cover? Hot Lunch fees (main source of funds) are paid up front in September so there would be money for when invoices need to be paid.

There was a comment that flexibility is the key in 2020/21 and the need to have money there for COVID related initiatives was very important.

Motion to approve budget from Petra Heitkamp and seconded by Bryce Colenbrander.

No opposition. Motion passed.

Next School Council Meeting: January 12th 2021