

February 8th, 2022 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Petra Heitkamp, Alex Randall, Martina Sherwood, Christopher Wereley, Meg Frake, Heather Barrett, Roopa Dolvane, Zainab Moghul, Sarah Parke, Deborah MacAskill, Claire Kerry, Meg Fracke, Gabriela Perdomo, Katie Breen, Nicola Calder. Daphne Dumbrille, Patrick Doyle, Patrick Hunter.

Regrets: Erik van der Torre

1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of December 2021 minutes

Agenda approved by Claire and seconded by Nicola
Minutes moved by Nicola and seconded by Alex.

Due to the low turnout of members there would be no Quorum at this meeting if a voting decision needed to be made.

2. Principal's Report

Plans are already underway for the 2022-2023 school year. The launch of the registration period took place January 17th. On Tuesday, January 25th we held our virtual kindergarten information night. About 16 families attended. The session was recorded and will be posted on our website so we hope that future families will access this resource. To date, we have received 38 Kindergarten registrations for Hopewell. We expect more to come.

Report Cards and Communications of Learning will be ready for access next Wednesday. Our team is putting the final touches on these this week. Colleagues put a great deal of thought and effort into these reports. At our staff meeting in December we talked about how we could enhance the “parent friendly language” aspect of these documents. We are hoping that families will see their individual child in each report. As we have always shared, Report Cards and Communications of Learning are one way we communicate student progress.

Next Friday, February 18th is a PA Day and there will be no school for students. This is a PA Day where employee groups gather together and engage in professional

learning. Keynote speakers, a variety of workshop choices and a chance to connect with colleagues outside of our own school are parts of this day.

Presentation of our school budget. Both the school budget and the school generated funds budget were discussed. Allocation of funds within the school budget was reviewed, along with guidelines for spending.

Budget later than usual, and finally came in last Friday. Student enrollment is lower than expected so the board will claw back some of the operating budget and this has been reflected in how much is allocated.

There are some areas that allocation is instructed by the board, these are school supplies and music repairs and consumables. In the pandemic year the school bought yukelies and xylophones which are allowed as covid safe instruments.

Staff replacement cost allocations are separate and don't impact bottom line of the operating budget

School generated funds (SGF) are a living budget that is generated through students or school council financial support. Must be used directly to support students. HST rebate goes into SGF. Spending from the SGF includes the breakfast and lunch club for Behavioural Intervention Programme.

Our kindergarten team is pretty special. Jamie Vance, a member of the team created this video to share at our information night. We wanted to share it with you: Welcome to Hopewell Kindergarten!

3. VP Report

Individual School Photos are happening on Tuesday March 1st. No class photos allowed at present due to social distancing guidelines. Later in April there will be Grade 8 leaving photos. April 26th re-take school photo day.

New recess zones in the yards started this week (will last for Feb/March as both "short Months") to mix things up but with snow, areas are seen as more equal as can't play basketball or go on structures.

Chrome books that were leant out are mainly all back and back in operation for students in the school.

Staffing update, hesitation when opening back up that there would not be enough staff

and would have to close classes or pivot to virtual. There has been some internal coverage to help, but so far no class closures or virtual.

Black History month, taking opportunities to celebrate the Black Community within school.

4. Teachers report

Meg Fracke - Teacher representative

Teachers and students are happy to be back in school in person. Spirit week is happening as the kids have worked so well about getting back into in person learning.

Friday 11th - Purple gold

Monday 14th - Pink and Red

Tuesday 15th - Favourite Colour.

Wednesday 16th - wild hair or hat

Thursday 17th - Olympic/Paralympic theme: favourite winter sport or athlete.

Snow is fun for the kids, everyone is happy to be outside.

5. Treasurer's Report (Nicola Calder)

Profits from Mabel's Labels additional \$160

Grant funds \$500 PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Grant - can be put towards emotion coaching workshop. Funds need to be spent before June.

PIC \$500 should be coming to school electronically and the Pro Grant (\$500) might also come if the board decides to let schools allocate this individually.

Expenses spent on opening celebration for the kinder yard

\$2500 given to the school for the "say yes" fund.

6. Committee Update

a. Safe and Caring

March 9th for the Emotion Coaching workshop. Using zoom so no cap on the amount of people that can attend. Workshop features Emotional growth and resilience in children. Parents will gain new skills to better support and connect with the kids in their lives.

Using the EventBrite app for parents to register. Planning to invite other schools and communities as should be a wide and open event.

Question: *Will it be recorded so parents can access afterwards?* Not sure it would be because of the content but will certainly ask.

b. Traffic Update

No Update

c. Yard committee

No update but when the snow melts it would be good to have a spring clean up. Meet in March to discuss if Covid restrictions are lifted, then it is something that can be organised.

Next meeting: March 22nd 7pm via Google meet