

April 12th, 2022 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Petra Heitkamp, Alex Randall, Martina Sherwood, Christopher Wereley, Meg Frake, Claire Kerry, Deborah MacAskill, Heather Martin, Nicola Calder, Fran Morrison, Heather Barrett, Matt Brown, Zainab Moghul, Katie Breen, Patrick Hunter, Daphne Dumbrille

Regrets: Erik van der Torre, Roopa Dolvane

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

Claire motioned to approve the Agenda and Nicola seconded the motion.

Nicola motioned to approve the minutes and Fran seconded the motion

2. Principals Report - Martina Sherwood

Plans for the 2022/2023 school year continue! Our current enrollment is 781. Next year we are projected to be 790. We currently have 760 students pre registered for September. If you know of any families who have not yet registered, please encourage them to reach out! Our staffing process will take place in the coming months.

In our efforts to cautiously ease some of our previous restrictions we are happy to share that our library is re-opening next week! No one is more excited than our library technician, Christine Power. Christine has been delivering the library on wheels and joining the classroom virtually as a much loved storyteller. To make this happen we have rearranged some of our existing spaces to accommodate the groups that have used the library since restrictions began.

We know our grade 8 students and families are anxious to hear about Leaving Ceremony plans. We continue to wait for confirmation on what guidelines will permit. We have already been entertaining possibilities and promise that we will ensure this milestone will be acknowledged and celebrated. Stay tuned!

We are in the process of booking Luv2Groove dance workshops for our school. Each class, Kindergarten to grade 8 will have the opportunity to experience 2 sessions with the Luv2Groove team. With the help of School Council funding we hope to have this event fully funded and offer it free to students. Thank you to teacher, Shari Cooper for taking the lead in organising this!

Question: When would the Grade 8 Graduation ceremony be? Will it be the last week of term? Probably Tuesday 28th June but will be confirmed in the next few weeks.

Question: What are the schools contingency plans with so many covid cases?

Aware that we are in the sixth wave, plenty of media covering what is going on in schools and there are a lot of classes closed across the Board. Hopewell has not closed any classes to date. We are getting creative in terms of coverage, stepping into classes, some staff are not getting prep time and students are not getting extra support but means all kids are able to come to school. Not yet not had to pivot to online.

3. VP Report - Christopher Wereley

75% of Grade 4 to 8 classes have completed the School Climate Survey and they were excited to complete it. It has generated great conversations. It is not a test but is for sharing opinions and ideas. Should be all done before the long weekend.

International Day of Pink tomorrow, which is similar to Pink Shirt Day, is about standing up against bullying and discrimination against LGBTQ2+ community.

Immunisation grade 7 and 8 will be done tomorrow.

4. Teacher Rep - Meg Fracke

Play structure was open for the first time this season. Was very busy, so hopefully it will not get overloaded.

Glowing reviews from new supply teachers in the school, that students have helped and made them very welcome.

Trying to stay present in the moment especially with the energy with spring and summer coming, still lots of learning to go.

5. Treasurer's report

Plan A - no fundraising

Plan B - some fundraising

Hopefully it will be a hybrid of both plans by the end of the year if we are able to have some funds from hot lunches.

Question: *if we ran Pizza day for the last two months of school year what revenue would this give us?* \$1000 from pizza.

ProGrant applied for hoping that will get that and can put it towards the Emotion coaching

Plan A had no money allocation for the yard.

Emotion coaching using PINV funding and remaining came from budget

\$2800 left in the say yes fund.

6. Committee updates

a. Traffic update - Erik van der Torre

Sent word in advance: No update to give.

b. Spring Clean-up/Fun - Yard Committee

Yard Clean scheduled for Saturday May 7th.

Tasks are to pick up garbage, sweep, lay compost and mulch deposits. (Compost down on tree beds, and finish with mulch).

Really important to get the right mulch , and periodically put that mulch on the tree beds.

The right mulch is shredded cedar mulch or landscapers cedar mulch, Katie will provide info to Martina. 26 Cubic yards for one day.

Reminder in the communications that go out to ask people to bring tools, such as wheelbarrows and rakes. Hand saws to remove Manitoba maple trees that might in the future undermine the structural integrity of the wall.

Zainab and Daphne volunteer to be involved in the Clean up committee.

Cost for mulch would be \$1600 (Shredded cedar mulch) or \$1,100 (landscapers cedar much)

Money for this could come from the say yes fund plus the left over from the Kinder yard fund (which is not needed for that yard) (\$441.50) and other revenue allows us to

spend \$1800 available for mulch.

Question: Does the Kinder Yard need mulch? No.

Question: What happens if we don't mulch? Protects the trees for future years.
Concern over tree roots showing last year and need now to cover them.

Question: Does grade 8 grad money allocated just for virtual or is there enough for in person. In person.

Vote held on the full amount for the cheaper mulch.(as we can buy more)

Daphne moved to spend the funds on mulch and compost. Deborah seconds motion.
12 voted in favour.

Would like to have some sort of fundraising event on May 7th.

Concern over having a rummage sale and a worry that this would not be welcomed by OSCA, because of their porch sale in the Fall. Will check back on communication with them to see if they do have problems.

Concerns over 6th wave (covid) should we be having lots of people in an indoor space (garage), So any rummage sale should be in the turf yard if hosting that.

The committee will meet later in the week to discuss options further.

c. Pizza Day/Lunch program

Response to call out three or four people volunteered.

Panago currently holding Fridays for us, but serving other schools on other days (there may be competition for the Friday spot).

Question: are the volunteers new? Yes and the previous volunteers coordinators are passing on information but are not getting fully involved.

7. Answer any pre - submitted questions

none

8. Varia

After the last meeting there was a follow up on an update on the constitution.

Alex to connect with Matt and Daphne regarding updating the website.

9. Closing

Next meetings 10th May and 14 June