

May 10th 2022 Hopewell Ave PS School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Petra Heitkamp, Alex Randall, Martina Sherwood, Meg Frake, Claire Kerry, Deborah MacAskill, Fran Morrison, Josie Hughes, Christopher Wereley, Katie Breen, Roopa Dolvane, Nicola Calder

Regrets: Erik van der Torre, Patrick Hunter,

1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of April 2022 minutes

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

Deborah motioned to approve the minutes and Roopa seconded the motion

2. Principals Report - Martina Sherwood

We are busy working on school organisation for next year. This includes staffing, timetables, and developing class lists. We are moving into next year with 34 homeroom classes and our Specialized Behaviour Intervention Program class. This year we have 35 homeroom classes. We are down 1 English program class. As in previous years, our organisation is not confirmed until the end of September. If you have neighbours who are planning to attend in September and have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so!

Field trips have resumed and as per district direction, we are taking a slow and measurable approach and considering the following:

- Day trips are of high educational value and connected to curriculum outcomes
- Are supportive and inclusive of all students, including those in specialised program classes
- Buses may be booked for the purpose of the field trip
- Consider any health and safety protocols that may be in place at the sites being visited

- Field trips should be local

EQAO is scheduled to take place this year. Our grades 3 and 6 students will be participating. EQAO for grades 3's will take place the week of June 6th. EQAO for grade 6's will take place the week of June 13th. Our school team is currently engaging in training to administer and prepare for EQAO. The EQAO assessment has undergone significant changes since the last time it was administered in 2019. The most notable changes include a new digital platform, an overall reduction in the total testing time, and a more engaging and student-focused format. The purpose of the assessment is to measure reading, writing, and mathematics skills of students at the end of grades 3 and 6 and is based on the Ontario curriculum expectations. EQAO provides results to each student who writes an assessment. The agency also provides schools and school boards with detailed reports that are used to improve school programming and classroom instruction.

We are moving forward with planning a Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony that will be in person, following district guidelines. These include:

- A simple, in-person celebration to recognize students leaving the school and ensure that any current Covid-19 protocols are followed.
- The inclusion of OCV students in the leaving ceremony of their home school.
- A shorter and smaller ceremony is best, in order to avoid large groups of people congregating for long periods of time.
- Use of outdoors (weather permitting) is recommended for activities such as photos, refreshments and allowing families to gather and visit.
- The format of the leaving ceremony is to be determined at the school level depending on the size of space and number of students involved.
- Fewer guests per student (i.e. 2 guests per student) in order to allow for as much physical distancing within the space as possible.

Where possible, involve students and seek their input about what they would like to see as part of the leaving ceremony.

Prepare to pivot to a virtual ceremony option should this be required.

Consideration to plan for some virtual/online elements to their ceremony in order to accommodate some students who may not be able to attend in person (i.e. medically fragile parents or students).

Finally, a staffing change was recently confirmed for September that will see us wishing a farewell to Vice-Principal Christopher Wereley. Christopher joined Hopewell in January, 2020, just before we entered the pandemic. He has been a great support for our school community in his time at Hopewell and will be missed. Effective, September, 2022 Christopher will be Vice-Principal at Rockcliffe Public School. Joining Hopewell will be Vice-Principal Sandra Miller who is currently at Rockcliffe Public School.

3. VP Report - Christopher Wereley

Robotics classes have taken place as the school district is encouraging this, it goes with the coding curriculum. Coding with spherical robots and programming with coding on ipads. Coding will be added to the science curriculum next year.

School clothing sale ends tomorrow. The school wasn't sure if they would participate in a sale this spring as they had held one in winter but went ahead with more variety of hats and included shorts this time. No exchanges or refunds, as it comes out as a loss for the school.

Pizza Days are back, there was a vibe in the air, everyone excited to have the return of Pizza!. Lots of volunteers Mr Woods class helped out and with lots of volunteers it made it go smoothly.

Petra and Alex wished Mr Werely well in his new venture at Rockcliffe and how much he will be missed and wished he had been able to experience a more "normal" time at Hopewell. Most of his time at Hopewell was during the Covid-19 restrictions.

4. Teacher Rep - Meg Fracke

Intramurals happening a lot of students are staying in during recess to play Borden ball, students are taking on leadership roles as referees for matches.

Glee club and Grade 6 drama club have started up

Marya Woyiwada, is setting up a Gallery walk for artwork.

Love to Groove dance presentations will be happening - awesome sessions where they get full participation from students.

Pizza Day was a very exciting day, special moments with volunteer parents in school for the first time.

Library is open, and Mrs Power is excited to have students back into the library.

5. Treasurer's report

Plan A - no fundraising

Plan B - some fundraising

Revenue

Pizza funds week 1 594 slices brings in \$1782 costs \$770 - tip \$30 and school cash online fees \$53.46 Profit of \$928.54

Projection for the rest of the year \$7000 in profit.

Panago did give us a deal for these two months, but prices of pizza will likely go up so profits aren't likely to be as high next year for budget proposes.

Thoughts that cost to parents for pizza shouldn't rise too much

Outgoings

Money spent on yard approved last meeting for compost and mulch.

Bank fees

Balance of \$3663

ProGrant - Alex was contacted by the board, they were very interested in our approach and community outreach perspective that we included other school councils. Left with no certainty of exactly how much grant we would be allocated but it did sound like we would get \$650 possibly higher because we had included other schools.

6. Committee updates

a. Traffic update - Erik van der Torre

No formal update from Erik as he was not able to attend meeting
Petra did have a quick update from Shaun Menard, Still negotiating with the city regards parking in front of school and what restrictions could be put on Hopewell.

Also Crossing Guard at Belmont and Bank are to be evaluated before the speed bumps are put in on Belmont There might be the closure of Glen for the patio for Oat Couture Cafe patio.

b. Spring Clean-up/Fun - Yard Committee

Funds

\$1800 approved to spend on mulch and compost - The city doesn't allow that much mulch to be delivered in their trucks if the ground may still be frozen so went with smaller amount \$900 (10 cubic yards) As this is not all the money allocated we could get another delivery later on possibly by the end of June.

Yard clean up happening on May 14th weather forecast looks warm!

Question: Can janitorial staff give us yard bags ? - yes there bags, wheelbarrow and brushes, and will be access to school to bathrooms

There also will be a custodian onsite.

Plant sale and Grade 2 bake sale organised by Lesley Kath neilsen for the Canada Ukraine foundation. Need tables at 9:30am 3 for bake sale and 1 for bake.

c. Pizza Day/Lunch program

Definitely some improvements can be made to the organisation on the day.
Yanka spent a lot of work on school cash online and was able to set up a June only order.

Also a gluten and lactose free option has been added.

Panago have been a great community partner and they have given two free pizzas for those who can not afford pizza lunch. Encourage parents to think of Panago for their own Pizza nights.

Grade 8 Mr Woods helpers were very helpful but will need to coordinate when they eat their own Pizza.

7. Answer any pre - submitted questions

Grade 8 graduation - need a parent committee. Pietra to reach out to contacts.
Martina to put something in the Friday email for a call out for volunteers.

8. Varia

Outstanding actions to be followed up before next meeting:

1. Matt on website communications
2. Deborah Gomes to look at constitution
3. Fran Morrison had ideas on engaging more parents in the school council.
Probably need more parents in September

9. Closing

Next meeting 14 June