

## October 11, 2016 MINUTES

Attendance: Erik Van der Torre, Michael Spratt, Daphne Dumbrille, Rebekka Roy, Maggie Fawcett, Tim Henson, Kathleen Marsman, Vicky Christie, Heather Martin, Deborah Gomes-Schultz, Jeannine Beauregard-Hall, Erika Graffunder, Micheal Stewart, Tim Hewson, Heather Barret, Karen Richardson, Cynthia Colapinto, Dara Spatz Friedman, Trish Stogran, Amy Hannah

Daphne D and Deborah, chairs, agenda and introduction of meeting attendants. Approval of September minutes.

### **Principal's report**

Staff changes have been made due to teacher contract changes via the board. Grade 2/3 English - they've found a new teacher Kaitlyn Charleton. Grade 4/5 teacher is Meghan Abby coming from Glashan - both will be all year. Danika Fleury posting just closed today and interviews will be next week, and they hope to have a new teacher possibly as soon as next week (UPDATE: position has been filled). Kindergarten teacher position closes on Friday and again, they hope to interview and replace ASAP.

Reorganization of intermediate grades is complete. Grade 7, English class was too large, so some classes were shuffled to ensure class sizes were appropriate. Staff changed work routines, students were supported throughout the change.

Sports: Cross country intermediate meet is Friday, Oct. 14, and next Friday is the junior group. Touch football, intermediate, meets are next week. Soccer is starting to come together.

A number of drills have been going on; school is required to have 3 fire drills a term. Staff talks about it with the students in order to prepare them. The last drill went very well - it took less than 3 minutes to clear the building. They will practice again in the spring. They'll also practice lockdowns, which are also uncomfortable, but teachers will prep the kids before November. There are ministry standards about what kids need to be told, and what protocol is followed - schools work to develop and communicate clear steps to students. Police services work with the schools. Secure school can kick in, for example, when there's a medical emergency: e.g., teacher collapses, and to avoid students seeing a teacher unconscious in the hallway, access is limited - so going to the washroom, etc., is not possible; learning continues. Also, it could be that something is going on outside and people need to stay inside. Staff is coached on appropriate teaching and practice. Amy will send a general notice to advise parents ahead of time.

EQO results. Province is focusing on math as the area for the year. On PA days, teachers looked closely at scores, but more importantly at student reflections - e.g., how do you feel about math, etc. They focused particularly on how to create a math task with different features for success, and went over rubric on how to create a robust task, how to help students communicate what they're learning, etc. Also, focus on growth mindset - how to persevere, etc., and not feel that kids can't achieve - remember kids are learning and growing and remind them not to give up. School learning plan: they will work toward 6-8 week assessments to see if certain strategies are having an impact, with a focus on math.

We're working with Glebe, and next week intermediate math teachers and principal are going to work with the math department and find opportunities for co-teaching and ways to enrich math program.

Also, a district review will be happening soon, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Principals, vice principals and board members will walk the school, look at classes and what's hung in the hall, etc., to see what works and what next steps might be.

Mr. Wood is putting together a coding club for grades 4-8 (7/8 and 4-6) every two weeks, and they are looking for volunteers to help make it happen (email: [andrew.wood@ocdsb.ca](mailto:andrew.wood@ocdsb.ca)).

Book fair Nov. 14-18, with Scholastic, in the library; classes go into the library to shop and funds raised go to library. Nov 17 evening, 18<sup>th</sup> in the day, parents can go when they are at teacher interviews.

Also, verification student forms are coming home; be sure your email address is up to date to make sure you get all emails from administration.

Caribou math competition will happen again this year.

### **Treasurer's report**

Karen - no cheques have been written since last time. Orders for lunch will be included on next year's budget.

Re lunches: In order to clarify budgetary we ought to have a deadline of some kind for each of the two order periods, so that we know what is coming in and parents can remember to order. For instance, order hot lunches for the term by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Put a little blurb in the newsletter and on the website, with info clearly on there.

Budget committee, Erik Van der Torre has offered to chair the committee. Karen will be on it also. They will meet before the end of October to make recommendations for the next year. Usually only one meeting per year, not a huge amount of time, but it's a very important role. Put another notice in PArentspeak. Staff and teachers should convey wish lists. Perhaps teacher could attend? (Other people signed up for Budget Committee: Kathleen Marsman, Tim Hewson, Maggie Fawcett, Erika Graffunder, Vicky Christie.)

### **Safe and Caring committee**

They will meet soon to discuss this year's goals. One initiative proposed for next February: Improve with Improv, 1 and 1.5 hour workshop, integrity, trust, confidence building, listening exercises, empathy, acceptance, resilience, positive school environment. Perhaps this could be followed up next year with the next level of the same program. Perhaps Grades 1-8 or 4-8 - this needs to be discussed. Heather says that the presenter loves to hit a whole school, because then everyone is in on what's being talked about. Breaks down to about \$100 per class - 2 classes together, so \$200 x 13, plus tax. This is directly for the kids. She'll share details with the budget committee.

Also this fall, for grade 7/8, two workshops. One on screen use for grade 7s, and a discussion about drug use for grade 8s. No cost for gr.7/8 workshops but Ms. Stogran has been to them and they're great.

Emotion coaching workshop end of November. \$1000. If there is a real desire for the workshop then there may be another done next spring.

Ongoing: WITS; TAG (former Me to We, grades 6-8), more info will come soon; community of character. The Safe and Caring committee normally asks for about \$2500-4500 each year. They meet Friday mornings monthly, from 9:15-10:15, and they welcome new members; kids and teachers also participate. Please get in touch with Heather (shnbarrett@gmail.com).

### **Yard Committee**

Katie Breen, Mike W. and Heather have talked about replacing the existing cages, which are pretty flimsy, particularly when hundreds of kids are playing with them. Heather proposes buying cages that are \$345 each (plus tax and delivery); they're installed easily, but are solid and will last long in order to protect the trees. Nothing pointy at the top. Or for about \$400, the cages would have closer bars, to prevent hands and feet from poking in. About \$5000 should cover cages and tax and delivery. \$2200 to remove old ones and install new ones. However, we could install them ourselves to save money, but we'd need to ensure that enough parents were here to help install them on a Saturday or Sunday. 4-6 weeks between ordering and delivery. At least prior to frost, the trees ought to be wrapped in orange netting.

Discussion: Why not go to the board? Heather will call the board. Short term safety issue; long term responsibility to protect the trees. Amy has spoken with Dan re trees and cages and she's waiting to hear. It is the board's responsibility to wrap the trees in orange if that is the route we take. And remove the broken cages. Ideally though, yard committee would get all 9 cages before frost sets. Also, they need watering before frost (\$340 - last meeting approved watering and conifer wrapping and watering will happen). Compost was also approved, but Heather says it's better to do in the spring, and less expensive. A parent suggested students doing compost. They may look into that.

We'll need to recruit volunteers once we have a plan re the trees.

Karen put forward a motion to spend \$5000 on tree guards, seconded by Eric, in order to get things done before frost if possible. As previous years have budgeted much more for the yard, it seems worthwhile to protect the large investment made by school and community members. Vote passed. They will move quickly to get the orange wrapping, and to see what the board can do.

### **Pizza and babysitting for the council meetings**

Earlier start could be handy. Grade 8 parents say their kids would be interested in babysitting. Would an adult be needed? How would pizza ordering work - something casual, or something more structured? I will get some survey questions going on Survey monkey

Ski Skate sale: Rebekka Roy, poster is made, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at Hopewell. November 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday drop off. We'll partner with Glebe again, but the sale will be here. 75/25 split to make it easiest to give change, but still worth donating. 9-12 in the garage. If you want to volunteer, contact Rebekka Roy (rebekka@rogers.com).

Sign up for positions: Grade reps - more clarification needed on the role; Maggie suggested that the person would be sort of a point person for issues or events, and would have contact info. In the short term, budget committee people are needed - Vicky volunteered; Eric and Karen.

ParentSpeak and Website: Elina Hill (Tim Hewson also offered to help)

Gr. 8 grad:

Gr. 5 xc ski:

Intermediate Enhancement Committee:

Volunteer Coordinator:

Allergy Committee:

Grade 1,2,3 Rep: Erika Graffunder

Grade 4,5,6 Rep: Michael Spratt

Grade 7,8 Rep JK/SK Rep - still needed.

Budget Committee Chair: Erik Van der Torre

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Ski sale: Rebekka Roy

Pizza: Lindsay Lemon (?)

OCSC Rep: Mike Stewart

Safe and Caring School: Heather Barrett

Yard Committee: Mike Waddington, Katie Breen, Heather Martin

Principal Profile Committee:

Subway: Cindy (?)

Book sale:

Beach party:

Bike sale: Jeannine Hall (volunteer to assist - not to lead)

Teacher appreciation event:

Grade 6 grad:

Tennis?

Ottawa Fury Soccer/67s fundraiser:

Council Members at Large: Vicky Christie, Mike Stewart...