



## Country Hills Parent Community Meeting

June, 2021

1. Call to Order – Karina Gumz Carpenter – 6:06  
In attendance: Heather Preddie, Joanna Kneale, Janeth Williams, Jennifer Boyer, Bethany Leis, Ben Lee, Keiko App, Laura Barton-Eady, Leslie McNabb, Karina Gumz Carpenter, Ming Huang
2. Approval of Minutes (from November 2020) – Bethany Leis
3. Approval of Agenda – Janeth Williams
4. Principal's Report - Heather Preddie, Leslie McNabb  
Retirements Mr. Rader & Mrs. McQuay -no change from prior email about next year.  
15 classes (3 kindies), not too much change to staff and grades they are teaching.  
Everything is tentative, based on numbers. Administration will advocate if more classes/teachers are needed.  
Heather and Leslie are on until end of June, hopes that new permanent Principal will be known by end of school year, but could always still be an interim come fall.  
More information about the year end visit day coming soon.
5. Teacher's Report - Joanna Kneale  
Nothing new. Kids have been fantastic through all this. Plans to stick on with council next year.
6. Treasurer's Report – Tarra Stumpf
  - Balance \$5068.89 (incorrect)
  - \$200 donation to Humane Society approved May 26, 2021
  - Balance showing \$8042.05 on our account, some question about if all teachers used the book money from earlier in the school year
  - possible option of using school council funds in the fall should it be needed for in class books.
7. Sub-Committee Reports
  - WRAPC Meeting Report - NA
8. New Business
  - PRO Grant – approved but it's not likely we can take advantage of funds this year.
  - will reapply with our ideas next year (math manipulatives/art night)
9. Discussion Items
  - Using excess funds to invest in term deposit

Bethany-got some information from Jenn, in regards to investing - is a possibly if the funds are high (\$50,000 or more), investments not returning much right now, can be forgotten/have problems, when money is raised intents need to be stated (including how many years, ie making sure to state it will be a multi-year fundraiser for playground), if we invest we are opened to being audited by the board. We need to come up with a plan and be clear with how long. Looked at other schools and some had well laid out plans with blueprints of what they are saving/fundraising for. Might need a couple small things so people see some progress, instead of 1 big thing. Looked at a company (Evergreen) to come and let us know what we can do with our space.

Heather – we could do with more shade, more outdoor learning, more kindie climbing.

Leslie – did a huge outdoor project, did in small steps. 3 phase \$60,000-\$70,000 plan. Guy Mackie is the facilities guy to connect with (knows who to connect with for permits and supplies). We are planning for kids to be active AND kids to be sedentary. Some kids will want to play but some are looking for a quiet spot to watch/ talk with friends (have someone monitor and report what might be needed). There needs to be transparency so parents know when they will see their money used. Remember a component of kindergarten is outdoor learning, do we have enough for that? Return should be 40% or more on fundraisers.

Joanna – have short term and long-term goals.

Janeth – new administration will be key to our plans going forward.

Karina – no to investing.

- End of year teacher appreciation gift

Karina – can we donate council money to a charity of choice.

Leslie – fundraising can only go towards the kids, something that benefits the kids.

Janeth – free ideas include sending ecard, change the school sign out front, chain email if people want to donate (ie donut chain Bethany started), maybe pitch in towards a bush/tree for the school yard (maybe in front – between kindie windows, gardens look fantastic) possible sign to go with what we plant.

Karina – checking out nurseries and will get back to everyone – will also send out an ecard (forward to Jenn and she will get it out to our teachers)

- Saying goodbye to Parent Community member Janeth Williams
- Weeding and greening school grounds

Karina – Terri, Tarra and Bethany typically on this

Bethany – there is a need for weeding out front, more mulch, if new plants not buckthorn as it can prick and hurt the kids

Karina – possible getting together to do some work; plant/mulch/weed – evening when not so hot

- Tentative dates for future meetings: September 2021
- Sign updates

Heather – retirement for Mr Rebellato, retirement for teachers, congrats to grade 6 grads

### **Business Conducted Through Email – November Through June**

Email dated Tuesday December 8 2020

School Sign was updated for the holidays to read “May you find peace, health and happiness this holiday season.”

Email dated Monday January 11 2021

Cancellation of the January council meetings due to school closure/ distance learning. (Officially cancelled via email dated Friday January 22 2021)

Discussion on the application for PRO-Grant – application was included as attachment in email.

Concerns about the ongoing vandalization of school property.

Email dated Tuesday February 16 2021

Approval of date Wednesday February 24 2021 as next meeting date. (Date approved  
Laura, Bethany, Joanna, Ming, Keiko, Terri, Tarra, Rob, Jenna)

Topics needed to be covered: Read-a-thon, PRO-Grant.

Email dated Thursday February 18 2021

Agenda put out by Karina

Email dated Tuesday February 23 2021

Meeting set for Wednesday February 24 postponed

Email dated Thursday March 4 2021

School Sign message updated, options put forth and chosen.

Tentative date for a March meeting suggested.

Discussion on Read a Thon.

(Meeting and Read a Thon postponed in email dated Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>)

Email dated Wednesday April 28 2021

Update on Principal: Heather Preddie staying on and sharing position with Leslie McNabb.

There was a Board meeting and there will only be a virtual celebration for Grade 6 grad.

Good idea to organized a meeting for May.

(Meeting postponed as there is no set return to school date)

Email dated Thursday May 20 2021

School has an upcoming virtual Humane Society trip. It is proposed that we donate \$200 to them. In favor Terri, Laura, Joanna, Tarra, Ming and Keiko.

Attached meeting notes from May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Karina, Bethany, Joanna, Leslie and Heather.

Email dated May 26 2021

Bethany looked into the handbook as to how we can use our funds, possibly invest in a term investment. Would be able to grow our money for bigger ticket outdoor items.

Teacher appreciation gifts, member goodbye gift for Janeth.

Leslie confirmed meeting date June 9 2021.