**Forest Hill School Council Minutes**

**Tuesday November 24, 2020 (630pm-8pm)**

**Welcome/Introductions:**

***Members present:*** Brad Hughes, Brian Wiechers, Jenn Drewitz, Monika Smith Melissa Dicks, Jenn D, Vaishu Gajjar, Laura Doucette, Kate Jessop, Maria Dyce, Elaine Degen

**Principles go Public:**

- Update on the school’s 175 students enrolled in distance learning, 280 students in person learning. 18-23 students/class

- Discussed student and staff morale with new rules and regulations, (morale is quite high within our school)

- Discussed the change to a different mode of learning starting February 3rd, 2021. Families will need to email or contact the school principle by January 15, 2021 to request a change in a student’s mode of learning.

- Last day of class before winter break will be December 18th, first day of class post winter break will be January 4th

- Update on construction close to completion. The elevator in the north end of the school hopefully will be finished over the winter break

- Discussed the pandemic and if the region were to go into another lock down, schools will remain open unless advised by public health

- Discussed staff appreciation: a note or email is the best gift

- Change in Vice Principle: Brian Wiechers will be temporarily redeployed to be the principle at Lexington PS from Nov 30-Feb 2. Sarah Taylor will be joining Forest Hill PS in the role as acting VP while Brain Weicher is redeployed. Sarah Taylor is currently the head of the department of Special Education at Sir John A MacDonald.

**School Council Election:**

This year Council members:

-Chair(s)/Co-chair: Jenn Drewitz and Jenn D

-Secretary: Elaine Degen

-Treasurer: Maria Dyce

-WRAPSC Rep: Melissa Dicks

**Ideas for the 2020/2021 school year:**

-discussed the sensory path that’s being installed. After construction cost will be $1683.70, the money was raised through the Macmillan’s fundraiser. Check out <http://jump2math.ca/product/wild-walk-hallway-path/>

-Discussed staff appreciation, graduation gifts for our Grade 6 class (a lock perhaps?), Tree generation, winter clothes drive (Brad and Brian will need to discuss with Sharleen)

-Discussed the food/ snack pack for kids/family in need [www.food4kidswr.ca](http://www.food4kidswr.ca) and [www.nutritionforlearning](http://www.nutritionforlearning)

-Discussed school council holidays video-greeting/message to FHPS staff members. Brad/Elaine volunteered to put together the video

**Forest Hill school council members:**

* Please email Brad if you want to be removed from the council email list
* We welcome new members, and member are welcome to opt out anytime
* Council meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 15th at 630pm-8pm.**