

Forest Hill School Council Minutes  
May 18, 2021 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Present: Jenn D., Monika S., Melissa D., Elaine D., Brad H., Brian W.

**\*Action Items in bold\***

Q&A with the Principals about the coming school year

Will COVID vaccination be a requirement of in-person learning for vaccine-eligible students and staff?

- Not expecting vaccination will be a requirement, but encouraging all staff and students eligible for vaccination to register and obtain it. Schools are open to being vaccination sites if Public Health would like them to be.
- Personal Health Information of who has been vaccinated and who has not cannot be shared with the general public

What will the transition back to in-person learning look like for students from the distance-learning program?

- Staff will be in consultation with families and working to create a welcoming environment for all students who are transitioning back to in-person learning

What orientation will be provided to students heading to Grade 7 from Forest Hill?

- Staff at Forest Hill are in consultation with staff at the two schools receiving Forest Hill students (Queensmount and Laurentian)
- A virtual tour of each school may be offered to Grade 6 students
- Both of the feeder schools work to create a welcoming environment for income students and their families

What sort of health measures do you foresee for Sept 2021?

- Expect similar health measures to remain in place that were utilized this school year i.e. mask/face coverings, physical distancing, cohorts, etc.

How might learning gaps be addressed?

- The priority is on building relationships with students to identify where they are at in their learning and to help them move forward. Staff practice recognizing the educational, social, and emotional needs of students and addressing those. The Provincial curriculum is a guide, but the needs of each student and class will also be a priority.

Principals Update

- The enrollment at Forest Hill is expected to decrease next year. This is a reduction in three classes. Currently, it means the loss of three teachers and two ECEs for the coming school year.
- Grad planning is underway and will look different due to COVID.
  - School staff are hoping to get input from families about graduation celebrations
  - All celebrations will be online, and no gifts are being provided this year
  - Graduation celebrations will be June 24
  - Each student will be recognized

- A commemorative tree will be planted at Forest Hill this year for the graduating class

#### Online Event Planning

**Motion** (Jenn): *That school council contributes \$565 to cover the full cost of the online Magic Show with Chris Westfall on May 28, 2021.*

**Second** (Monika)

**Unanimously Passed**

- Chris Westfall will run the entire online event
- **Brad will follow up with Chris about the following:**
  - When will the zoom link be shared?
  - Are measures in place to ensure attendees are from the school community and chat is screened to ensure appropriate.
  - What types of audience and presenter interaction will be part of the show
- Council would like to gather feedback on the event. Including:
  - Do families like the online format for school events?
  - Was the theme of this event (a magic show) something that appealed to our school community
  - **Jenn and Elaine will create questions for feedback**
  - **Brad will create a Google Form with the questions and share out to families**
- Discussed ideas for promoting the event
  - Short promo videos
  - Classroom story that has to do with a magic show/magic tricks
  - Teaching a simple trick to students
  - **Brad will send out an announcement on School Day about the event and follow up with staff about promoting the event in their classes.**

#### End of Year Staff Appreciation

- Brad offered to ask staff if they had any requests/ideas
- Suggestion to reach out to WRAPSC about what other schools are doing
- Other ideas: small video where different parents share a memory from the year of something they appreciated, contributions to classroom funds, word cloud, wreath with leaves that each say a word of appreciation
- **Jenn will send out an email to continue this conversation with council members**