

**In Attendance:** Jen Antonowicz, Danielle Vines, Cassandra Muhlbock, Coosje Weber, Elizabeth Skilling, Sarah Brown, Jessie White, Katie Hoedl and Sophie Zivku

**Regrets:** Holly Smith (Coosje Weber in their place)

**Getting Started:**

Katie began the meeting with motion to approve minutes from December's meeting – Jen and Beth approved. Motion to approve agenda for tonight's meeting – Cassandra and Jessie approved.

**Principal Report**

- Coosje provided COVID-19 recap on extension to online learning for another two weeks.
- Priority is to be responsive to the synchronized and asynchronous learning platform. Teachers understand that parents are working and it's hard to do schoolwork during the day. Important for teachers to encourage parents to reach out and keep in contact with updates.
- There have been additions to the essential workers list for support for young/school aged children.
- For families wanting to switch to online learning, the deadline for that change is January 29th, 2021.
- January 22 is an assessment and reporting day for educators; a PD day for students.
- Tree and plaque update: Holly is not aware of the tree situation. Danielle talked to Wayne and the tree was damaged by a landscaper/snowplow company a year or two ago. He tried to prune it back and it never recovered. He removed the tree. The plaque on the ground is still out there. Coosje will tell Holly to keep this matter on the radar for school council.
- We do not know what the province is planning in terms of the big picture. Teachers want students back in the building. We know that the kids would rather be at school. Need the numbers to come down and ensure safety. If we do come back, because of the current numbers, JD will continue with masks outside to ensure distance.
- Big hill at the back of the school is very icy and kids have been tobogganing there and fences are getting damaged. Going to send an email to parents with a picture of the no tobogganing sign. Concerned about the ice and safety for kids as some have already been hurt. Katie noted that one time the school did need to pay for the damage to a fence. Coosje is going to increase security to get people to leave the school property for the next two weeks. Liz will post an update to the Rolling Meadow parents Facebook page. Don is putting sand down the hill to deter people from using the hill.
- If interested, there is a link you can go to [authorsbooking.com](https://authorsbooking.com) where you can book author visits for the school community (junior or primary division). In some of the lists they highlight "Forest of Reading" authors.

## **Teacher Report:**

- Danielle reported that not much has changed due to lockdown.
- Cards were sent out to distance learners. Receipts for the stamps are at the school. Sarah mentioned that she knew sibling groups were happy they each got a letter. One child wrote back to the child. A good connection was made.

## **Initiatives**

### **Online give back event for school community**

- Jessie began discussion for the upcoming online give back to school community event. Proposed the council discuss ideas and confirms the activity and date that will be offered to the school community in tonight's meeting.
- Cassandra listed a few ideas including: a magic show, KW symphony (no one returned her call), virtual paint night (host ourselves or go through a company), cook off or share a recipe (nailed it with a picture), host a competition and share photos on a platform, and talent show for people to submit videos. All great ideas, however, Coosje raised concerned with the video ideas as this will raise a challenge for permission.
- Elizabeth proposed ArtShine who puts together art packs for students
- Jen reached out to Crock a Doodle. They can provide ornament, tile, star, mugs, bowls, plates etc. for children and their family to decorate. Recommends that each pack is the same. Can pick up kits at the school or the store on Ira Needles. A great option for all ages.
- Katie connected with Eric Traplin and he is available. He charges \$300 for 45 minutes (Zoom and Facebook live). Eric prefers Zoom and Coosje will ask about Zoom as the board doesn't approve it.
- Danielle noted that online tools are great, but because all students are currently online, something hands on like the art may be better received.
- Coosje proposes we book Eric as the musical event for Family Day but send an invite to families to participate in an artist competition until March Break. We can then put together a slideshow or some sort of community video, like the snowman video. Council agrees to book Eric Traplin concert for Family Day weekend and look at purchasing a pottery kit for March Break.
- Sarah asked if families need to bring the pottery back to the kiln or does the paint it gives a matte finish. Jen will look at how the return of pottery will look and if there is a due date on the return (due to lockdown).
- There is concern with encouraging families to go to these places during lockdown. Jen will ask about COVID policy. Right now, they offer curbside pickup only.
- Art Shine may be a better option because we do use them in the school. Elizabeth will follow up with Art Shine.
- Question was raised about how many families we have at the school. Coosje will connect with Sonya. Estimate around 150 families.

- After brainstorming the family art challenge, Council decided on a “build a castle for Drake” out of what you have at home, perhaps a focus on items in your recycling bin to encourage reusing what you already have at home.
- Sophie recommended prizing to encourage participation (random draw for art supplies, books etc.).
- Formal vote to book Eric Traplin will be confirmed via email by Katie. Motion raised to approve email approval for Eric Traplin. Motion approved by Council.
- Motion raised to approve spend of \$10 per family for Crock a Doodle. Motion approved by Council.

**Additional items:**

- Beth issued a reminder for teachers that there are still more Scholastic rewards to spend (\$582) There is also an option for a virtual book fair. Danielle suggested using some of the rewards for prizing for the build a home for Drake contest.
- Sarah noted that Sonya emptied the school council mailbox. There were mainly fundraising ideas and the Scholastic news.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Sarah doesn’t have any new updates. Money has not been transferred over and Sonya is looking into it. Of the \$14k, nothing has been spent.

**Next Meeting: February 8th, at 6:30 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:28 PM**