

Meadowlane School Council

MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

7:00 – 8:15 PM

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Principal: Phillip Sallewsky, Staff Representative: Andrea Hill

Chair: Alyssa Vasey

Members: Sandy Pacey, Liz Flewwelling, Heidi Sider, Amy Young, Nikki Gingrich, Ashley Furlong, Caitlin Jacobs, Michelle O'Keefe, Geta Hutuleac, Sherri McFee, Heather Barrie, Hollie Smith, Brianna Wall

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 MINUTES

DISCUSSION

- Will be reviewed by email – Alyssa will send out the June 2019 minutes to all members to review and approve.

ELECTION

DISCUSSION

- Phillip reviewed roles of School Council - roles include: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Phillip provided The Regulations Governing School Council to all members present with the expectation that they are reviewed by all Council members
- Voting of new Council Executive took place
- Treasurer – Geta Hutuleac
- Secretary – Ashley Furlong
- Chair – Alyssa Vasey, Co-chair – Nikki Gingrich

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DISCUSSION

- Phillip stated that September has been a good start to the school year for staff and students. Staffing was mostly filled in June and August. Phillip said that there is a strong group of teachers at Meadowlane. The student population is 255 which is down 10 students from last school year. This has been identified in the Kindergarten classes as there are 2.5 Kindie classes instead of 3 like last school year. Classroom numbers have been submitted to the School board and classes will remain as is
- A movement pathway has been added to several of the halls in the school for “movement breaks” to students who need them to give them a purpose during these breaks and to engage their brain and bodies. QR codes have been placed on walls throughout the school to be used with iPads to help students decrease anxiety or refocus with 5-10-minute activities
- Staff are deciding on a program that involves a consistent approach taken by all staff to deal with behaviours
- Upper playground is missing 1 foot of woodchips and can't be used until it is down so it can be approved for use. The School Board needs to complete this as soon as possible and Phillip has been asking them when this will happen
- Phillip is waiting for a quote from Canadian Tire at Sunrise Centre for play equipment for each classroom to be used at breaks. Council has set aside \$500 for this and Phillip indicated that Canadian Tire will provide the equipment at a discounted rate.
- Phillip has asked the School Board for a quote on two Basketball hoops for the lower playground. Council has set aside \$8000 for this
- Can Phillip and/or Andrea ask staff: What are the barriers that teachers are facing to teaching outdoors? How can your classrooms be improved with natural light, sound, etc.?
- Phillip explained the Conditions for Learning Framework to Council. There are three conditions that are interconnected: 1. Relationships 2. Pedagogy & Assessment 3. Learning Environment. Phillip has encouraged teachers take September to focus on relationships in order to get to know their students and develop a relationship. Phillip's expectations of students are: 1. Respect for everything here 2. Do what you are asked to do 3. Do your work.
- Phillip and teachers have been discussing Character Education for students. Zones of regulation was adopted in

June in order to help students understand and express their emotions. Council members asked if there can be resources sent home or a parent night where it can be shared with parents so there is consistency for students at home and school? Phillip indicated that there will be information published once teachers have decided what program they will choose to implement

TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION

- Sandy Pacey attended the beginning of the meeting to complete the transition as treasurer
- There is \$2120.00 balance in the account that is unallocated and council needs to decide what it should be used for
- Sandy will remove her name from the bank as a signing officer. Alyssa, Philip and Amanda Farquhar currently have signing authority.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

DISCUSSION

- Staff to complete wish list and bring to next meeting
- Outside Kindie area is going to have bushes removed and replaced with trees – Kindie teachers will complete a wish list around optimizing outdoor learning and present to council at a future meeting
- Council to brainstorm ideas for activities, fundraising initiatives for the next council meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

DISCUSSION

- Terry Fox run is Friday, September 27
- Picture Day is Tuesday, October 8
- November 11 there will be a Remembrance Day Assembly – Phillip has put a request in
- Fun Fair June 10
- Council Meetings for the 2019/20 School Year – October 9, November 13, January 15, Feb 12, April 8, May 13, June 17

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2019