

Meadowlane School Council

December 16, 2020

7:00 - 8:00

Attending: Phillip Sallesky, Alyssa Vasey, Tanya Winger, Ashley Furlong, Michelle Becht, Andrea Hill, Giselle Carter

Minutes taken by: Giselle Carter

Minutes

1. Review and approval of November minutes

- approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Phillip)

- Phillip shared fund reports
- no activity since June
- approx. \$8,963 in school council fund

3. Principal's report

Covid:

- 2 separate cases of covid at school; got covid from outside the school = positive thing - staff and parents are nervous about cases coming into the school, but have policies/ protective practices and it is unlikely a student in one cohort will pass it on to a student in another cohort - some parents have chosen to apply to distance learning; also some families coming back to school - 80 in distance learning
- 170 in school learning

Staffing:

- core French Crystal Woodworth is still off – may be back in January, but to a distance learning position; fabulous teacher Ms. Chan taken over French
- good-bye to Mrs. Hustwitt; Mr. Railsback is glad to be back
- Kim Crawley is still off; new person is doing a good job and learning quickly

Renovations/ Property updates:

- painters will start on the weekend to do the downstairs hall walls and gym - metal door frames and doors painted too over the holidays
- memorial tree for Jessica Gavin was planted; will add a plaque and a buddy bench by the tree at later date

Overall:

- kids enjoying learning; business as usual within the circumstances - looking forward to all classes coming back in January

4. Teacher Representative Report

- not much extra stuff happening
- thanks for participating in the school drive – an opportunity to work together

5. Council objectives

a) Fundraising goals:

- question for all of these fundraisers; what info they need – how do they pay us? - also what do we want our objective to be = what are we fundraising for? - goal decided: fundraise for Kindie area improvements

Action item: Giselle to check with Evergreen about assistance in visioning a Kindie area b) Fundraising

activities: **Action items**

- Factory Shoe – will donate \$5 for every pair of footwear; **Giselle** will ask re: how we will get money
- **Tanya** to check with Flipgive and Indigo
- Cob's bread is already set up (by Nicky)
- Rackton another option (**who is looking into this?**)
- **Alyssa** to write an intro letter (for Phillip to send on Schooldays) about our goals in fundraising- then individual fundraisers will be highlighted

c) Grants:

Parent Reaching Out Grant – can be a lot of money.... How to swing it to include the Kindie area – can it be a play area for families to play on the weekend.

- council to read grant over
- **Action item:** **Phillip** will send link for grant to council

Other grants?

- World Wildlife Fund – outdoor space grant is closed for this school year (<https://schools.wwf.ca/events/primary-go-wild-school-grants/>)
- TD Friends of environment: <https://www.td.com/ca/en/about-td/ready-commitment/funding/fef-grant/> Deadline Jan. 15 or July 15 They support outdoor classrooms and nature play areas = could be a good one for the Kindie Area ... once we have a plan
- **Alyssa** to ask Amanda about other grants

6. Miscellaneous

7. Adjourn