

Oct 2021

Wednesday, October 6 2021

7 PM

Meeting name:	School Council Meeting
Meeting purpose:	School Council is a group of parents, school and community members who are committed to working together to support their local school. School Councils typically deal with agenda items such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• development of bylaws and procedures for the school council• code of conduct and safety initiatives for students• fundraising policy and programs, etc.
Meeting date & time:	Oct 6, 2021 at 7pm
Location details:	Google Meet
Meeting Chair:	Nancy Murovec
Minute Taker:	Karen Power

AGENDA

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Owner
1	5 mins	Approval of Prior Minutes & Acknowledgement	All
2	20 mins	Introductions	All
3	5 mins	Admin updates	Nancy/Scott
4	5 mins	Financial Updates	Nancy /Nicholas
5	5 mins	Discussion items	Beth/Nancy/Scott
6	5 mins	Voting	Nancy
7	5 mins	Conclusions	All

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Participants

Karen P	Nancy M	Laura Y	Dorota S
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Scott D	Akshay S	Tracey S	Joanna M
Cindy B	Tanya F	Cheryl R	Heather M
Natalie N	Nicholas S	Beth R	Kerri P
Katie S	Cheryl M	Ibilola O	

Agenda Items	
Item #1 Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Dickie, new vice principal – started admin career at Ryerson PS. • Land acknowledgement • Video of students from music department
Item #2 Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some existing members and many new members • Tracey Sanders is the teacher representative • Several students have commented about enjoying Mr. Dickie's jokes during the announcements 😊
Item #3 Admin updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 662 students – 599 in person, 63 remote learners • New teachers (screen shots below for full listing) – Erin Ryan (married name), Jeanette Bible-Minielly (was SERT in the past, returned to teach Grade 1; however, will be going on maternity leave), Hafsa Bemat (will be leaving on maternity leave), Jamie Scott returning from remote learning, Sandra Enns is returning for the year • Health and safety is top priority. Masking, hand hygiene, cohorting (don't mix classes for tracking purposes), social distancing (continues to be a challenge, desks are spaced as far apart as possible, but collaborating still occurs), staggered startup of activities (pizza days, tuck shops, volunteers) • Local public health is our guide on practices, not the ministry of health • School supplies provided to each student, including multi-cultural markers, pencil crayons and crayons • Once students have arrived at school, parents cannot drop off anything later, so bottles of water are provided to students if needed. Request for council to provide funds for additional bottles • Outdoor nutrition break – took a slow and steady approach to going outside during breaks. Juniors go out for 18 minutes within their cohorts in assigned spaces (students rotate through spaces each week), Primary students go out in the second half of break. Plan is to get kids going out for both breaks eventually • Terry Fox – Rob Wilson and Tracey Sanders have been leading for the past few years. Used outdoor time to walk the same distance Terry walked as a school. Last year we exceeded that goal. Needed to up the challenge this year. Could also bring in funds. Counting will start this week. 5271 kms have been walked so far, 89km to our goal. Friday is spirit day • Truth and Reconciliation week last week, ending with Orange shirt day. Talked about what kids need to feel safe and included at school. On Friday and around Thanksgiving, we'll be discussing the impact of settlers • Focus on equity, inclusion and anti-oppression. Have purchased books with diverse topics and authors • Safe caring and inclusive schools team headed by Scott Dickie to focus on how all students can come to schools and feel included

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two teacher candidates joining classes ● Coop students from Forest Heights ● Home reading – just been given ok from board office, will be coming soon. Once books come back, they need to sit for 3 days ● Halloween – very conscientious of equity and inclusion. On Friday, The Scoop on School Day will include a notice that there will be no full school celebration but will be acknowledged. Students can wear blue and yellow, or black and orange. Young learners often wear costumes on a regular basis so they will not be prohibited. No sharing of candy ● Remembrance Day – Tracey Sanders will be leading the celebration ● Progress reports on November 15th. We're coming off of two challenging years, so building the community, and social and emotional well-being was the focus in the first two weeks, rather than academics. ● Tik Tok challenges – issues in washrooms with massive amounts of paper being flushed and water being left on. Majority is happening with junior students. There's a new challenge every month. October is 'smack your teacher'. Need to ensure communication is ongoing with students. ●
<p>Item #4 Financial Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$1059.63 greening fund for tree donation for grade sixes ● \$3010.59 in school fundraising account ● \$2031.81 in Bingo account as of August
<p>Item#5 Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising: limitations due to pandemic. Committed to do bingo once a month, 930-12pm on a Friday enough. Do we want to continue or cancel? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should continue but need to develop a schedule to send out and include a backup. We make a significant amount of money each night and it is easier than other fundraising initiatives ○ Beth will start a schedule and transition to Nicholas ○ Have 3 or 4 people for each slot, then day of decide which two can show up. Will reduce the number of times we have to cancel ○ Proof of vaccination is required to volunteer ○ We're only allowed two people during covid ○ If you call Kitchener Bingo ahead of time, they will allow you to bring someone additional in to train on back office ● Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received \$2000 from Rotary Club to create a mural in the entryway. Thinking of using the seven grandfather teachings ○ Planting a tree for indigenous studies and stewardship ● Lanyard use for masks – public health guidance is that they are choking hazards, so they are strongly discouraged. ● Coop students – have a vaccine mandate, must submit it through the portal, Nancy has confirmed. Any staff or auxiliary members need to be double vaccinated and share that through the portal before they enter the building. Volunteers will be required to go through a similar process. Taking a slow approach to intramurals and clubs. ● First day wayfinding was difficult. We should revisit in the spring to come up with a plan for the next year. Volunteers with bright tshirts, etc ● Parking lot – has dramatically improved with pylons. Have fewer staff members so there are additional spots for those who require disabled passes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong start program – will have similar staggered approach. Waiting on volunteer portal and board approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with youngest students for letter and sound recognition Will defer motions for funding water to a future meeting. Request to investigate the cost of reusable water bottles vs plastic bottles Discuss staff appreciation opportunities at next meeting
Item #6 Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair/Co-chair – Beth has agreed to chair but would like to have a co-chair to train as Beth’s family only has one year left after this year. Lola has volunteered to be co-chair. Motioned, seconded, passed Treasurer – Nicholas has volunteered to continue. Motioned, seconded, passed Secretary – Karen Power has volunteered to continue. Motioned, seconded, passed
Next Meeting Scheduled for:	Beth to send meeting for early November
	Adjourned at 8:32pm

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	Action Item	Owner	Date Raised	Due Date	Comments	Status
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School Update ~ Staffing

- ★ Erin Ryan ~K1
- ★ Jess D'Angelo ~ K3
- ★ Andrea Churchill ~ K5
- ★ Nicole O'Rourke ~ K5
- ★ Jeannette bible-Minielly ~ Grade 1
- ★ Hafsa Bemat ~ Grade 1
- ★ Grace Gibney ~ Grade 2/3
- ★ Kyla Henderson ~ Grade 3
- ★ Jack McKinnon ~ Grade 4/5 and 5/6 English of French Immersion

People

- Dorota Rams Skazinski
- Heather Menaldo
- Ibilola Olowookere
- Kerri Paranosic
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- Nicholas Smith
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Nancy Murovec is presenting

Staffing Continued

- ★ Kayla Vuksic ~ Grade 3 and 3/4 English of French Immersion
- ★ Shane Wilkinson ~ Grade 4/5
- ★ Jamie Scott ~ Grade 6
- ★ Hannah Agler ~ Primary French
- ★ Jade Haskins ~ SERT
- ★ Sandra Enns ~ Primary Music, Drama, Dance, Health
- ★ Lisa Leandres ~ Second Secretary
- ★ Salima Mithani ~ Extended day
- ★ Blanca Duarte ~ Evening Custodian

Nancy Murovec

16 others

You

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