

**Suddaby School Council**  
**Monday, April 24, 2017**  
**Minutes**  
**7:00 p.m. School Library**

Katherine Akins	x	Aishah Binti Ali		Kathryn Blair	x
Sue Campbell	x	Madison Cox		Annie Doran	x
Bryan Grimwood	x	Brennan Hardy	x	Randy Harms	
Aura Hertzog	R	Aasia Khatoon	X	Hari J.C.	
Carlie Leroux	x	Aaron Lynett	X	Stephanie Meyer	
Jessica McLean		Kristy McMahan			
Chris Nielsen	x			Matthew Oliver	
Wendy Saulesleja	x			Susannah Schmidt	x
Daniel Sokolov	x	Nicole Morton- Westwood	X	Mary-Louise Skornyak	x
Jan Hansen	x	Wendy Daley	X		

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Playground equipment discussion – Paul Windle, Henderson Playground Equipment

Paul brought catalogues for the council to peruse. Family-owned business **builds for schools**. Playgrounds built with heavy duty posts and materials keeping in mind active play, heavy or intensive use of many kids. He says they do not put emphasis on “cute,” funds are focused on what it’s made of and quality. “The designs spread the play out; I do not want to compress the play so that kids have less likelihood of running into each other,” also keep in mind visibility and supervision considerations. **Installation:** uses what’s called a floating system. Heavy industrial metal undergirds metal frame, they are zinc coated so will not rust, then playground is built up. Modular design so could add on in stages. Re: **age-appropriateness:** for all-ages playground the upper body structure (e.g. monkey bars) cannot be physically attached to other structure. Many school playgrounds they design go on a \$30,000 budget; they can design for smaller budget; would be small; some of process involves dig down 15 to 18 inches; gravel for drainage; landscaping fabric; engineered wood fibre (playground mulch); 12 inches mulch is board standard; with 1 inch of mulch for fall height this is more than would be needed.

**Cost** for installation can be estimated at very roughly “25 to 30 per cent of the price of the item for installation,” does not include site preparation, surfacing, etc. Toronto District School Board does own installations. School buys playground from Henderson and then they buy labour from the board; TDSB says whatever price of playground is you double it. **Lifespan** of the unit – 10 year for plastics; 20 years for rails etc; material varies; **warranty** covers parts in varied time as indicated in agreement. Installing in stages may cost more due to bringing crews back.

**Examples:** Cambridge Christian School (Churchill Park area) has a Henderson Playground that was installed last year.

**Accessibility:** If there are specific accessibility issues this needs to be addressed up front. For example hearing aids or implants do not work well with plastic slides due to static charge (double the cost); he suggests stainless steel slides. With stainless steel slide you also limit design but can be positives also. He said the playground meets AODA specificities. He said if accessibility is a concern request that playground is Canadian Safety Association “Annex compliant.”

**Process for payment:** funds raised for playground go to the board; board would forward money.

**Turnaround time:** Can install playground within about 5 weeks following order. Usually one week for design to submit; design is included; revision is included in price.

3. Approval of March minutes: Kathryn put forth motion to approve; Chris seconded. Approved
4. Financial Update: Account is down to \$100 due to workshop fees paid. Other account has \$3973.93 (from fundraising).
5. Principal Report

**a. School Improvement Planning:** Our final sited based PD will be to focus on Kindergarten Math learning and how this relates to the continuum of learning as the students move on to grade 1. As a staff we reviewed our School Improvement Plan and will be adjusting some areas as we move into September 2017. Our main focus will continue to be Math and building staff capacity to ensure our students have an opportunity to deepen their understanding and use of mathematical thinking and skills.

**b. EQAO planning** continues. We are reviewing individual needs and determining how to support students during the EQAO assessments. Our grade 3 students will be completing the assessment on May 24, 25, and 26. Our grade 6 students will be completing the assessment on May 29, 30, and 31.

**c. Our annual staffing** process has begun. The following is the current proposed organizational chart for September 2017. We will be increasing by 2 classrooms in the fall. We will be hiring teachers for 3 positions during May. We continue to review our enrollment and will adjust the class summary if needed up to the Friday before school starts in September.

**School Class Summary**

**Organization: Principal Updates 2017**

**School: Suddaby P.S.**

Class	Teacher	Sub Program	Class FTE	Regular										Total		Total FTE		
				JK EL	SK EL	01	02	03	04	05	06	Total	Int Total					
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1	12	16											28	28	28
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1	12	15											27	27	27
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1	12	16											28	28	28
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1	12	16											28	28	28
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1			20										20	20	20
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1			9	11									20	20	20
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1				20									20	20	20
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1				14	6								20	20	20
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1					20								20	20	20
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1					6	17							23	23	23
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1						10	16						26	26	26
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1							13	16					29	29	29
Not Assigned		Regular Track	1								13	16				29	29	29
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1			18										18	18	18
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1			18										18	18	18
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1				20									20	20	20
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1				12	8								20	20	20
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1				12	8								20	20	20
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1					6	14							20	20	20
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1						5	16						21	21	21
Not Assigned		French Immersion	1									19				19	19	19
<b>Total</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>474</b>						

6. Staff Representative report: Staff Rep Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is up and running (name is standard across Ontario schools; group discusses diverse GBLTQ2 terminology). 25 students from grade 5 and 6 have participated in club. They have had 3 or 4 meetings to date. Running club has started and is meeting after school. Chess club ended; Floor hockey happens at lunch. Jump Rope from Heart from Elmira came and students enjoyed. Hop a Thon was enjoyed. Mothers Group is happening tomorrow. Symphony visit (jr. grades) is this coming Wed. Wacky hair day is Friday. May 11 junior students going to see Captain Underpants. Grade 6 transition meetings to grade 7 were postponed due to weather and have been rescheduled. Grade 1s and 4s are going to safety village. Rocks and Rings Curling demo was for JK to grade 6; grade 3s are heading to Huron Natural Area and KW Art gallery. Suddaby is participating in Music Monday (schools all sing same song across country). Suddaby is celebrating Earth Week: Kids came up with their own Earth Day pledges: Tuesday is Lights Out; Wednesday is Walk to School; Thursday is Paperless Period; Friday is Art Challenge and Litter less Lunch).
7. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Parent workshop committee (Katherine): Behaviour and Stress Management workshop is coming up May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Possible attempt to invite parents from St. Annes
  - b. Fundraising committee update (Wendy S., Sue C.): Hop a Thon was fun for kids; popcorn will be sold this coming Friday.
  - c. Auction planning will start for June (baskets to be auctioned, related to BBQ / social).
8. Focus items:
  - a. WRAPSC report: chair, co-chair and secretary roles will be free next year. Talk to Laurie Tremblay via Kathryn if interested. Nick Manning from board came in to talk about communication; he is planning PR campaign around innovation and was surveying for ideas. He is also looking for ideas for website improvement; will be 3 – 5 year project. FYI school websites are Board generated, principals or designates usually responsible for updating. WRAPSC reps shared communication strategies: school council newsletter for parents; one school writing letter to parents at beginning of year advising how council works; Westmount has new parent ambassador who goes to events and encourages new Canadian parents to present. May 2nd Kathryn cannot attend WRAPSC meeting so if someone wants to attend in lieu get in touch.
  - b. Hop-a-thon report: see above.
  - c. CFNA garage sale (Saturday, May 27)? CFNA wondered if Suddaby wanted to participate in neighbourhood garage sale. Council decided not to participate.
  - d. Update on Centre in the Square parking arrangement? Mrs. Daley has talked to the Board; they are still looking at it.
  - e. Other council activities/events: Chris shared info regarding U of W civil engineering students working on playground design that Aura sent out. Students will, given budget and constraints, will design the playground using existing equipment and catalogue (for example, the Henderson catalogue). There is some sort of vetting process or judging process from students to choose design. This process was used by Keats Way School. Mrs. Daley noted there would be many stages of vetting design process; she notes 4 -6 week process would be after all that was gone
9. Other business: Please respond to School Council Purpose / Goals statement within one week. Mrs. Daley will send out new form; Wendy S. will send around version from last year to council members. Document needs to be forwarded to the board. Respond to Wendy S. with comments; Ewen and Sumona notified Mrs. Daley they are stepping down from council.
10. Next meeting...Monday, May 15, 2017