Suddaby Parent Council Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2021
7:00pm

Staff: Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Andrea Maxwell

Voting Members: Wendy Saulesleja, Angel Rodriguez Lafuente, Lisa Lynette, Bala VK, Thea Mistry, Amanda DiBattista, Karin Korth, Kate Leslie, Katharina Broschek, Katherine Akins, Swagata Ray, Aura Hertzog, Kathryn Blair, Sue Campbell, Nadia Ursacki, Stephanie Meyer, Shahenaz Alali, Swarup Dhar, Angela Uttley, Tara Bedard, Emma Campbell

Present: Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Andrea Maxwell, Nadia Ursacki, Kate O'Neal, Karin Korth, Wendy Saulesleja, Angela Uttley, Katha Broschek, Kathryn Blair, Sue Campbell, Stephanie Meyer, Emma Campbell

Regrets: Annie Doran (also stepping down from council for now), Katherine Atkinson

Welcome And Introductions (Steph Co-Chair)

Minutes of previous meetings have been approved and posted

- Minutes from the February meeting have been approved and posted via School Day and on our website https://sud.wrdsb.ca/community-connections/school-council/school-council-minutes/

Financial Update: (Katha)

School Funds	$20460.50
WEFI	$25174.93
Total	**$45635.43** (no change from last month)

Upcoming:
PRO Grant $500 to be added (We applied to support the Mothers' Group which is not running due to COVID, interpreter and child care for council meetings, interpreter to meet school needs when we are unable to use the regular agency.)
A commitment of $9605 has been made for the outdoor classroom to be installed this spring.

Principal Report: (Rita)

Staffing: Since the last meeting we have welcomed two new staff members:

- Mrs. Raizee Crape, who is the kindergarten teacher in our newly formed K4.
- Ms. Sarah Taylor, who has completed her first day as the new VP!

French Immersion: Suddaby will have two grade 1 FI classes again in 2021-2022. There are 40 students currently registered so there is still room for a few more.

SEL or Social-Emotional Learning: Karen Desmeules, WRDSB teacher, has been offering virtual lessons to our classes and today visited the classes in person. Staff and students continue to speak very positively about the learning and the impact. Today's lesson focused on being aware of distractions but then coming back to focused breathing. The students we observed in Mrs. Snyder's class were awesome at practicing focus and at being the person to provide the distraction!

WTK or Welcome to Kindergarten: All students will be given a WTK bag filled with learning materials and resources for parents. All of the WTK events will be held virtually. Suddaby staff will be trained in the next month. The date will follow. If you know a future Suddabby Star who has not yet registered, please ask them to do so right away. The earlier we get the registrations, the easier it is to plan for staffing and classes. Council would like to designate a rep for the meeting.

Graduations: Talks are occurring at the board level to plan graduation ceremonies to improve consistency and equity across the system. We will share more details as they become available.

Facility: Meetings are underway to plan for the improvements which will be done at Suddaby over the summer with new windows and third-floor bathrooms at the top of the list.

COVID: The Suddaby community was able to go for asymptomatic testing this past weekend at Cameron Heights. To date, we have not heard of any positive results.

Staff Representative Update: (Andrea M.)

- Staff are tired and were hoping for March break. Last week was super fun. We are loving the weather and being able to teach outside.
- "Class photos" sample shared by Mrs. Maxwell - could the council pay for the printing at $1.50 plus HST times 400 pictures **Motion: by Wendy to allocate $800 to provide class photos, seconded by Sue. Motion Passed**
- No updates on the bees
- Social Studies request from Mr. Stuart - Indigenous Intersections at THEMUSEUM, presentations are as follows: Tuesday, March 30th - Joshua Stribbell - National Program Coordinator at Tungasuvvingat Inuit, Wednesday March 31st - John Henhawk - Six Nations Storyteller, Thursday April 1st - Jennifer Parkinson - President Grand River Metis Council, Cost is $14/student and the focus is Grade 4 to 6. (70 students x $14 = $980) **Concerns noted: not for all students, the council usually assists but does not cover the full amount, the overall expense, this expenditure is denied.**
- Mrs. CA and Ms. Agres are interested in an opportunity offered by The Cobblestone Collective for our grades 1-6 music classes. (13 classes x $25 = $325) "Whether you are teaching in-person or virtually, planning a music lesson comes with its own challenges this year. That's why we teamed up with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra to bring live music and creativity into your classroom. Inside the 60-minute co-taught lessons (specific for K-3 and Grade 4-6), we'll listen to the TSO musicians, and explore what the

sounds represent in movement and drawing. Each lesson is also coupled with next step activities to continue the learning after the lesson.
Join us on Wednesday, April 7th at 10 am EDT (K-3) and at 1 pm EDT (Grade 4-6). Tickets are only $25 per class! **Motion Nadia to fund this request, Seconded by Wendy, Motion passed**

WRAPSC Report: (Kate) - no meeting

Subcommittee Reports

Playground Committee (Kate O'Neal)

- The date of installation of the outdoor classroom (18 rocks, 5 trees, and mulch, total cost just under $10,000) has not yet been communicated to us. Kate will send an email and copy Rita to ask about the date.
- Pollinator Garden- Nicole and Shane will be assisting us with the garden starting at the end of May after rocks and trees go in (Date to be Determined). We talked about a sun garden and a shade garden on either side. Steph met with them last weekend at the school. They have funds for the plants. We will need to pay for dirt and mulch. We may need a temporary fence. Would like the garden to be raised with addition of dirt.
- Due to insurance and liability, the pollinator gardens would need to be professionally installed. We are not able to use volunteers to do the installation work. **Rita will ask Mark for a company that has been approved.**
- We will plan another committee meeting.
- Kathryn asked about how we plan to maintain the garden and do the work to get it established. Shane and Nicole have a plan for water and upkeep during the summer. Some teachers are interested in watering during the year.

Equity Committee (Katha)

- No meeting last month. We will schedule one for next week.

Fundraising (Steph)

- Rain Barrel Fundraiser - Starting March 22nd. All Sales will be online with home delivery only. The flyer is included at the end of the minutes. **Stephanie will fix the link and we can share it on our different Facebook groups.** Send out a flyer in a week or 2 to remind people.
- Domino's Pizza- Possible start date of March 31st. There are 4 Wednesdays, we can order pepperoni or cheese and the school will get $5 of the $10. There are 12 pizza coupons being donated to the school. The final details are still being worked out. **Motion**: **Teachers can distribute coupons however they like, by Kathryn, seconded by Sue, passed.**
- We would like to send out a "flyer" to remind parents of our other fundraisers. Factory Shoes, Mabels Labels, and Flip Give. **Wendy will send it to Rita**.
- We looked into license plates as previously suggested but it was cost-prohibitive and we can not continue with this idea.

- Did anyone look into Clementine Catering? Meals ordered through other schools' fundraisers were fantastic. It is a one-day fundraiser, reasonable and pickup is at Ambrosia. **Sue Campbell will look into this and bring the info back to our next meeting.**

Other Business

- We Belong Together, people puzzle. Can we use the PIC funding for this ($500)? **Motion: by Wendy to use the $500 PIC grant and an additional $100 to buy 550 wooden pieces for the entire school. Seconded By: Nadia Motion Passed**
- Art Project along the fence (Steph) Annie has had to step down but Stephanie would like to continue with this. Ideally, we will work with local artists. **Steph will talk with Annie and is looking for volunteers to help.** Please be reminded that the fence may be taken down as the needed work is done on the retaining walls and that our facility supervisor recommends that we wait to proceed with any installation.
- Wendy notes that the fence along Lancaster is detaching from the poles in places. **Rita to tell Mr. Vanderpool.**

Next meetings

April 19, 2021
May 17, 2021
June 21, 2021

Motion to adjourn

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