

**Suddaby Parent Council
Meeting Agenda
June 21, 2021
7:00pm**

Membership

Staff: Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Andrea Maxwell

Voting Members: Wendy Saulesleja, Angel Rodriguez Lafuente, Lisa Lynette, 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

Rita Givlin	p	Amanda DiBattista		Kathryn Blair	p
Sarah Taylor	p	Karin Korth	p	Sue Campbell	p
Andrea Maxwell	p	Kate Leslie		Nadia Ursacki	p
		Katharina Broschek	p	Stephanie Meyer	p
Wendy Saulesleja	p	Katherine Akins	p	Shahenaz Alali	
Angela Rodriguez Lafuente		Swagata Ray		Swarup Dhar	
Lisa Lynette		Emma Campbell	R	Angela Uttley	p
Bala VK		Aura Hertzog		Tara Bedard	p

P = Present; 4 = Regrets

Welcome And Introductions (Steph)

Minutes of previous meetings

Amendment of minutes from May 17th

- The May 17th minutes were approved via email and posted. However, they are amended, here, as the playground committee requested up to \$200 for tree watering bags. This request was approved over email and confirmed tonight.

Financial Update: (Katha)

Balance Forward	\$37323.20
Factory Shoe	+\$1715.00
Trivia Evening	-\$250.00
Current Balance	\$38788.20

Money still to come from Rain Barrel and Flip Give Fundraisers

Request that next year we ask for money from fundraising partners in early May to allow time for processing

Principal Report: (Rita)

Dress Code Update (Sarah)

- [Equity Institute Case Analysis Framework](#)
- I've captured the thinking surrounding our new dress code [here](#)
- A school's dress code is at the Principal's discretion
- Committee plans to consult the board's equity experts, refine wording, and implement for Fall term.
- Infractions will not result in missed classes.

Staffing

Our enrollment currently is about 470 with 23 students enrolled in remote learning.

We are saying goodbye to many staff members:

- These Distance Learning teachers have been working from Suddaby and would have connected with our Stars while on duty in the morning - Brenna MacKenzie, Chelsea Cook, Luke Michielson and Geeta Kumar
- DECEs Sarah Rocha (moving to Meadowlane) and Shawna Rhodes (becoming an Itinerant DECE) are Enrolment transfers (we have 4 kindie classes again but only one section of extended day); Natasha Moreira has moved to Winston Churchill; Swapna Kondgara has finished her LTO at Suddaby; Amara Saeed is going to teacher's college in the fall
- Teachers who have complete their LTO or Long Term Occasional Contracts - Joel Vanwyck, Megan Clifford, Raizee Crape, Bailey Stevenson, Rubina Heddokheel, Theron D"Amico

- Teachers moving - Ryder Ball is staying in Remote Learning and Meghan Barlan is moving to teach Kindergarten at Preuter
- Sheri Stamp-Vietch is retiring

We are grateful to each of the staff members listed above for their contributions to the Suddaby team and the care and devotion each one has shown for our Stars.

Class Organization for 2021-2022

K1	Hunsberger LTO	
K2	Urquhart	
K3	McLaughlin	
K4	Agres	
1A	Mosher	
1/2A	Skornyak	
2/3A	Maxwell	
3/4A	Schultz	
4/5A	Tortolo	
5/6A	Johnston	
5/6B	Morton-Westwood	
1B-FI	Hazenberg	Gowing
1C-FI	Gowing	Hazenberg
2A-FI	Brady LTO	Cober Anderson
2B-FI	Kraft	Snyder
2/3B-FI	Snyder	Kraft
3/4B-FI	Bensason	Bensason
4/5B-FI	Presenger	Callaghan
5/6C-FI	Stewart	Read
6A-FI	Read	Stewart

Mrs. Shantz - Music

Mme. Brady LTO - Primary Core French

Mme Presenger - Junior Core French

Mr. Callaghan and Mrs. CA - Kindergarten Planning Time

Mr. Stuart - FI planning time

Extended care and YDP enrollment is down to one classroom.

Discussion around how numbers of ECEs, ESL teachers, and social workers are determined. Resources for students anxious about returning to school are available from

- WRDSB,
- Suddaby (e.g., teachers have resources [e.g., transition stories] although strategies will be affected by COVID precautions, and
- community-based resources (e.g., [Carizon](#)).

Staff Representative Update:

Comments on the juggler:

- “He was great! The kids loved the show. Thanks for organizing this!” J. Urquhart
- “The students really enjoyed the presentation - the magic tricks and the juggling. He was great at engaging them and didn't stay on one tangent for too long so even the littlest learners (and some even littler siblings) were cracking up and glued to the screen to see what he did next.” B. Stevenson

Thanks for Trivia night - it was a lot of fun!

Class Photos

- All 12 classes that participated have been printed
- Motion to reimburse Andrea for all expenses (total $\$496.94 + \$284.46 = \$781.40$) by Wendy
 - Seconded by Katha
 - Approved

WRAPSC Report: (Kate)

Subcommittee Reports

Fundraising

- Expecting payments from the rain barrels and Flip Give
- Ongoing: Flip Give, Mabel's Labels, and Factory Shoe

Playground (Kate)

- Trees
 - Sue has taken over the watering of our trees
 - Do we have other volunteers?
 - Kathryn volunteered for August
- Benches
 - Shopping for benches
 - Vendors restricted to WRDSB approved

- Decision to reserve the term “buddy bench” for benches funded by individual families
- The plainest benches w/o wording are the cheapest
- Looking at Fall purchase and installation
- Installation will be on cement slab, WRDSB compliant
- Action: Wendy to forward pictures and more info

Equity(Emma/Tara)

The equity committee has discussed several themes:

1. Parent Council composition
2. Parent Council outreach in the school community, building family engagement into all events
3. Parent Council events and making them more accessible, equitable and culturally relevant/diverse
4. Community building in the school community
5. Supporting equity initiatives in the school with Parent Council resources, i.e., special speakers, events, learning opportunities, etc
6. Having a voice on issues of equity arising in the school to share with and support the administration in actioning

The committee decided to focus first on inviting and engaging more diverse members and having more ways and opportunities for different voices to inform what the Parent Council does. The intention is to focus on the other elements once membership and ways of informing are addressed. The equity committee therefore suggests the following and seeks volunteers for each:

1. Support the school administration to host a Welcome to Suddaby (virtual) event ahead of the first 2021/2022 Parent Council meeting. Families can meet the administration and teachers, and the Parent Council will be present to introduce the Parent Council and invite people to consider joining
 - Council supports this event
 - Tentative date week of September 13
 - Nadia volunteers to help plan and support event
 - Additional volunteers sought
 - Action: Nadia, Emma, and Tara, etc., to plan/support
2. Use the first Parent Council meeting to introduce the work of Parent Council to new members, and explore interests and opportunities for new engagement, set up committees and ways of operating (i.e., what is the best way for more and different people to be involved)
3. Assign "buddies" to new members, to support their orientation and ongoing participation
4. Provide shorter and more engaging Parent Council updates to the school community (and append minutes) - any good communicators on PC?
5. Discussion around the pros and cons of continuing with virtual format. Decision to canvas council in the Fall.
6. Discussion around platform for virtual meetings
 - Action: Rita to ask WRDSB if we are limited to Google Meet.

Other Business

- Fill out report sent by Rita
 - Completed during meeting
- Lexia (Katherine)
 - All 60 students with Lexia licenses will have them during the summer.
- Dreambox
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- Strong Start
 - Lexia is not a replacement for Strong Start.
- Fence on Lancaster from crosswalk to back corner (Kathryn)
 - The fence is becoming overgrown with shrubbery again.
 - Periodically council members remove it.
 - Rita suggests contractors should do this.
 - Action: Kathryn to email a description of the problem to Rita
 - Action: Rita to contact WRDSB about maintenance

Next meeting

- September 20, 7pm, virtual

Motion to adjourn

- By Steph
- Seconded by Katherine A.
- Passed