

## **Suddaby School Council Minutes October 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Kate Leslie, Anjali Misra, Katharina Broschek, Angela U, Sue Campbell, Wendy Saulesleja, Tara Bedard, Nada Mohamed, Nadia Ursacki, Andrea Maxwell, Rita Givlin, Sarah Taylor, Katherine Akins, Aura Hertzog

**Regrets:** Karin

**Welcome and Introductions:** No new introductions this meeting

### **Roles within Council:**

#### **Chair/Co-Chair**

- Communicate with the school community on a regular basis and ensures that parents of all students are consulted on matters under consideration
- Lead School Council meetings
- Provide leadership to the School Council and its members
- Monitor the implementation of School Council decisions
- Prepare a written agenda, in cooperation and consultation with the Principal
- Distribute meeting agenda to School Council

#### **Treasurer**

- The main responsibilities of the Treasurer are to ensure that funds raised by the Council are tracked separately and records are maintained. The Treasurer will also provide a report to the School Council regularly.

#### **Secretary**

- The secretary's primary role is to ensure that they thoroughly and accurately record the meetings held by School Councils.

#### **Communications**

##### **WRAPSC Rep**

**Student representative:** None at the moment. Revisit

**All members are:**

- Advocates of a strong School Council
- Supportive of the actions and decisions of the School Council
- Encourage parents and community to become involved in School Council activities
- Serve to represent their respective groups by providing assistance and ideas to and from School Council

**All members should:**

- Participate regularly in School Council meetings
- Participate in information and training programs related to School Councils
- Act as a link between the School Council, the community, and their respective group
- Provide input to the recommendations and advice made by the School Council to the Principal

**Sub-Committees within Council:**

- School Yard Revitalization
- Events
- Fundraising
- Equity Committee

**Reports:**

**Financial Report:-** discuss budget and allocating our money

Rain Barrel Fundraiser- \$890 still to come in

Domino's Pizza- 37 pizzas last week

Principal Report

**Playground**

Sean McCammon from the Outdoor Education department worked with several classes to count and identify the trees on Suddaby school property. He encouraged us to apply for grants to plant trees. Mrs. Snyder's class is taking on the job of submitting the grant proposal for TD Friends of the Environment which is exciting as it is persuasive writing for a real-life application that, if successful, will benefit all of our Suddaby Stars.

He also suggested we could try:

<https://treecanada.ca/greening-communities/community-tree-grants/>

The KW community foundation might fund trees: <https://www.kwcf.ca/community-grants>

The GRCA has been getting tree planting funds from the Jane Goodall Foundation.

<https://janegoodall.ca/our-work/roots-and-shoots/ape-fund/>

### **Recess Update**

Our Stars are excited to have recess equipment to share in their cohort and it is wonderful to see them playing with real equipment. It has caused a few issues that we are needing to work through in our first week but overall it is a very positive development.

### **Halloween**

As noted in the communication sent home, Suddaby will not be celebrating Halloween this year. What ideas do we have for new community-building events that will be engaging for our Stars and build excitement?

### **Equity**

In response to our student requests (to do privilege walks with classes) and our staff requests (incorporating games and music from many different cultures into the curriculum) we are meeting with the Equity Team and will continue to reach out for guidance as items come up.

Some of our staff members are working with Suddaby's Equity Committee to begin a book club for staff.

-Questions about what a privilege walk entails.

-Concerns were raised about doing this activity with elementary school-aged children.

### **Wrap Around School**

The Ministry of Education has identified Suddaby as a Wrap Around school. This means we will get additional resources including Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy or (CRRP) training, Heggerty literacy resources, support from our Learning Services consultants, and release time for staff. We are continuing to work with our consultants to determine what this will look like at Suddaby and will share more as we learn more.

### **Council Survey**

Did the school council want to go ahead and survey the community to get feedback on the best nights for meetings and best channels of communication?

-Feedback is communication with the community is important

-Sue Campbell will look into the survey

**Teacher Report:**

- Social-emotional learning - a lot of classes taking part.
- Staff have asked that the council help buy recess equipment - proposal for \$100/class. There may be Jump Rope for Heart gift certificates that could also be used.
- Wendy S. motion for \$100/classroom for outdoor equipment to be used at the teacher's discretion. Kate L. seconded. Vote passed.
- Feedback that Meet-the-Teacher Night is missed. Appreciation for the class video tours, but parents are missing being able to ask questions about their children.
- With COVID, we need to limit the visitors within the building. Teachers and parents can each request a phone call or a Google Meet. Point raised that some families may not know that this is an option. Perhaps providing a link to the teachers' email addresses would be helpful. Many of our teachers reach out to the families often.
- Feedback that families should know that they can reach out to their teachers at any time - not just regarding issues.
- Question regarding whether there will be parent interviews after the first report card. Rita will look into the answer.
- Rita will ask teachers to reach out to the families again.
- Google Classroom - many teachers are investing in their in-person relationships more than using Google Classroom at this point.

**WRAPSC Report: N/A**

**Fundraising Report:** discuss previous fundraising events and the stage that our School Yard Revitalization is at

- Google doc was presented - previous fundraising events discussed.
  - 2017- School Yard revitalization discussed within Google doc.
- Discussion regarding budgeting:
- Nature area - still add in plants for green space - naturalization. Proposed \$5000.
  - Art along the fence and schoolyard. Proposed \$1000
  - Bench and installation - \$3700 Discussion regarding wooden Buddy bench - has been vandalized. The new bench would be metal. Facilities have recommended stone seating in the back. Discussion of putting in another outdoor classroom - questions about where it would go. Proposed to hold off at the bench installation for now and look at rocks, fixing the other bench, etc.
  - Outdoor recess equipment - \$2000
  - Proposal - to always have \$10000 in reserve
  - Proposal - to ensure we have money for equity activities etc.
  - Proposal - Approximately \$14000 for new council projects
  - Events subcommittee is a good idea
  - Discussion regarding new priorities - when will these be decided?

**Equity Committee Report:**

-N/A

**Council Elections:**

- Chair - Stephanie M., Katherine A. Nominated by Kate L., seconded by Wendy S.
- Treasurer - Katha B. Nominated by Sue C,
- Secretary - Karin Nominated by Stephanie M.
- WRAPSC rep - Kate L. Nominated by Stephanie M.
- Communications - Anjali M. Nominated by Wendy S.

**Subcommittees Discussed:**

- Events - Sue C, Aura H, Anjali M, Nadia U
- Outdoor- Kate L, Wendy S, Katherine A, Stephanie M.
- Fundraising- Katherine A, Katha B, Stephanie M.
- Equity - Tara B, Katha B, Stephanie M.

**Other Business**

- Funding for Benches (end of the year) Buddy bench in the front - see fundraising report
- Scheduling of Meetings - Just setting the November meeting date - November 15th
- Approving Minutes
- Can we hear about the school Improvement plan/priorities (for the next meeting) and consider doing the Principal Profile Form (page 34 of handbook)- this can help us make our in-person school council priorities and goal for the year as we should be working together with the school (Kate)
- Student rep - asking WRAPSC about the logistics surrounding this opportunity.
- Rita will talk about school goals at the next meeting.
- Proposal to send out the minutes for approval - if no one has suggestions within 48 hours, it will be assumed that they're approved.