

Suddaby PS School Council Minutes, June 20, 2022

Present: Rita Givlin, Stephanie Meyer, Katherine Akin, Andrea Maxwell, Sue Campbell, Anjali Misra, Kate Leslie, Katha Broschek, Wendy Saulesleja, Karin Korth, Lisa Farlowe, Angela U

Regrets: Nadia Ursacki, Sarah Taylor, Nada Mohammed, Tara Bedard

Administrators' Report:

Changes to Outdoor Supervision - 22/23 School Year:

We have been working through the process of setting up our supervision schedule for next year. Here are a few changes we're working through, with feedback from staff:

- 1) We are going to have all of the school out at once - We will all eat first (11:00 am to 11:20 am and 1:40 pm to 2:00 pm) and then go outside (11:20 am to 11:40 am and 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm).
- 2) We are going to use the front of the school so our creative playground and a portion of the front yard will be available for students to play.
- 3) We will restrict the use of part of the tarmac - Tarmac close to the Lancaster door and bike racks will be restricted so that we can safely supervise the rest of the yard.

Many things will stay consistent, including:

- 1) The use of the fields and gaga ball pit (depending on weather, etc.).
- 2) The use of most of the tarmac at the back of the school.

We met with our staffing committee and discussed our morning rain weather policy. After reviewing past policies, the educators felt strongly that our current practice of not having an early rain bell is best for student safety. Staff expressed concerns about other solutions, including safely supervising students, especially our kindergarten friends, and effectively monitoring who is within the school.

EQAO

Both of our scheduled EQAO times are now complete. Our Grade 6 EQAO took place from June 6th to June 10th and our Grade 3 EQAO was scheduled over this past week, June 13th to 17th.

Pizza Days

We have finished our 6 weeks of pizza day for this school year. The celebrations and challenges (as described at our May meeting) remained similar throughout.

–Positives:

- 1) More slices of pizza were ordered than the last pizza day - 435 slices vs. 353 slices (February 2020). Stars ordered all of the options we had available, including Halal pepperoni, a gluten-free crust, and dairy-free cheese. We had Stars donate additional money to cover the cost, and we had Stars receive pizza at no cost. Overall, the feedback on the taste of the pizza was positive.

- 2) Pizza delivery did go more smoothly as the weeks went on and we developed an additional list of students who hadn't ordered pizza at first but were able to receive it for free after we received caregiver permission.

Challenges:

- 1) The wide variety of options made distribution more difficult. We did have some Stars who were disappointed because they thought that they were going to receive pizza. This could have been due to confusion with SchoolDay, forms, etc.

Going forward:

- 1) How could we improve distribution? Should we remove options? How can we make the initial setup more sustainable?

Thank-yous: Huge thank yous to Lisa Blundon, Katha Broschek, Colin Read and the students from room 24. Thanks also to the educators who helped to hand out pizza in classrooms. Without their contributions, pizza day simply would not have been possible.

Scott Norton

We were pleased to welcome Scott Norton from The Healing of the Seven Generations to Suddaby. His presentation to caregivers was well attended overall and many provided positive feedback. Students seemed very engaged during his visits. They had many questions for Scott that they shared. We were able to meet outside and the size of the workshops allowed for a lot of student participation overall. We are hopeful that these visits are the first step into more partnerships with Scott and The Healing of the Seven Generations.

Staffing Updates

- 1) Suddaby has lost 10 hours of secretarial time for the 2022-2023 school year. The office hours will remain the same from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Blundon's hours will not change. Mrs. Lehman has lost 3 hours and will also work 7 of her hours at another school.
- 2) Our MLL (formerly ESL) teaching allocation has dropped to 0.7 from 1.0 FTE. This teacher is still to be determined but is assigned centrally.
- 3) Megan Martin has been hired to cover Mrs. Saeed's leave of absence from September 2022 to April 2023.

Lost and Found

Thanks to Katha Broschek, the lost and found is on display in the main floor hallway and all teachers are asked to take their classes to look for personal items. We are also sharing pictures on the announcements. Hopefully, we will be able to put the items outside at the end of the week for caregivers to take a look as well. *All items not reunited with their owner will be donated to charity at the end of June.*

Teddy Bear Picnic

Thanks to our kindergarten educators and families the Teddy Bear Picnic was a huge success with many people in attendance. Thanks to many of our kindie educators for opening up the classrooms to families as these are the families who have not been inside the school due to COVID. The positive energy and smiles were amazing!

Summer Learning

Suddaby has 19 - 20 primary students and 15 junior students attending.

Construction Update

Over the summer watch for new windows to be installed at the front of the school. The construction seems to be progressing well with minimal impact on learning.

Census

- [The WRDSB Student Census Infographic](#)

“We plan to use the Student Census results to be more precise in the way we support students. In the Fall, the Research Department will be providing school-specific census data to Administrators.”

Tree Planting and Watering

- 1) CONGRATULATIONS to the grade 6's who raised \$869.90 to plant a tree in the back playground! Great job!
- 2) Tree watering is recommended for 2 years after planting, so the trees around the outdoor classroom will need watering each week again this summer

Teachers' Report:

- 1) Teachers have spent \$1500 of the money provided by Council for outdoor play equipment. Unfortunately only the skipping ropes have arrived as everything else is currently backordered.
- 2) Miss Tortolo requested the Council provide funds for art supplies. Unfortunately we cannot do this as art supplies are considered school supplies, and are provided by the School Board
- 3) Ms. Lynch requested funding for special education supplies, specifically weighted lap pads, “wobble seats”, and headphones for each classroom.

Motion to spend up to \$2500 on special education/sensory room equipment PASSED

Financial Report:

Money spent to date:

Kemozy Tour	650.00
Making Waves	200.00
Safe Space Books	144.31
Gaga Pit	4801.55
Outdoor Equipment	1508.44
Healing of 7 Generations	1500.00

TOTAL SPENT 8804.30

Kept in account:	10000.00
Equity Initiatives	3500.00
Schoolyard Fund	3757.99

WRAPSC Report

None.

Fundraising Report:

None.

Communications Report:

- 1) A communications subcommittee has been established to run the Suddaby PS Facebook page
- 2) This will commence in September 2023

Nutrition in School Report:

- 1) The first 2 weeks of the school year are not covered by Nutrition For Learning (N4L)
- 2) Request for Council to provide funds to purchase food for these 2 weeks

Motion to provide \$500 for the purchase of supplementary food to cover the first 2 weeks of September PASSED.

Other Issues - End of year BBQ:

On June 22nd, Council was pleased to be able to host a BBQ for all Suddaby students and staff to celebrate the end of the year. A variety of hot dogs, chips, and juice boxes were offered to all

students and staff at no cost, and outdoor games were played in the back playground for part of the afternoon. We wish to thank Mr Vanderpool, our volunteers, the teachers and the grade 6 students who helped out.

Other Issues - Strongstart:

Strongstart this year faced several challenges, including a very late start due to COVID, and a drop in available volunteers due to both COVID and changes to the requirements to volunteer in the school. However, 4 children were enrolled in the program, and 3 completed it with 162 measured gains.

VOLUNTEERING IN 2022/2023:

Please note that if you wish to volunteer at your child's school next year, you must complete a Vulnerable Sector Check with the Waterloo Region Police Service. This can be done online at:

<https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reporting/police-vulnerable-sector-check.aspx>

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer - see you in September!