

# **Vista Hills School Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, June 17, 2021**

**Where: Google Meet, Invitation sent to interested participants**

**When: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:30pm**

**Invited:** Saurabh Kumar, Sandeep Lehal, Rajesh Sripathan, Bharathi Prakash, Natalie M Wilton, Jill Pletsch, Sharon Han, Milena Krstic, Raneem Al-Halimi, Lavniet Dhillon, Jennifer Christopher, Bhaleka Persaud, Louise Caswell, Jenn Phan, Anne Plouffe, Vandana Kumar, Katelyn Brunskill, Jhansi Malli, Joanne Cojic, Melanie Roberts, Kelly Fraser, Sarah Moldenhauer, Jerry Humes, Penny Miller, Amy Innes, Melanie Jespersen, Tania Bumstead

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 1. Welcome – Melanie**
- 2. Thank you for the Sara Westbrook presentation! – Melanie Jespersen**

#### **Sara Westbrook Presentation May 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Lots of interest from parents
- 30 in attendance for evening presentation
- Presentation was fantastic, adapted to different age groups
- Would like to thank you school council!!
- Thank you from Cedarbrae for extending the invitation

#### **3. Vista Hills School Updates – Penny Miller**

- PD Day - June 4th
- Earth Rangers - June 8th
- Last day of school for students - June 28th
- PD Day - June 29th

#### **Welcome To Kindergarten Evening – June 3rd**

- 60+ families attended
- 60 new registrations (50 in-person and 10 DL)

#### **Grade 8 Graduation - June 22**

- System wide approach rooted in equity for ALL students
- Needs to align with Public Health
- All Vista Hills Distant Learning Students are included
- Virtual Ceremony for all WRDSB schools plus an added Drive-by

#### **All Grades**

- Last day of synchronous learning is Wednesday June 23rd
- Asynchronous learning is Thursday, Friday and Monday
- All classes are being invited for a little “goodbye” with their class at scheduled time
- All Grade 8 students are invited for a “Victory Lap” on Friday 2:00-2:30 where all staff will cheer them on

**What does next year look like?**

Our projected enrollment – 754  
 In person learners – 695  
 Remote Learners – 72  
 Number of classes from K to 8 – 30

Staffing updates have been pushed to a later date.

All grade 7/8s will be getting new chromebooks next year.

In September/October look at starting up a committee for outdoor activities.

**4. Equity Update – Amy Innes**

- Territorial Acknowledgements
- Multicultural crayons and markers
- PD Day Equity Work

**5. Approval of Minutes – Jerry**

Motion to approve Jennifer Christopher, second Sharon Han.

**6. Financial Update – Kelly**

Vista Hills School Council Financial Report - June 2021				
	Debit	Credit	Total	Notes
<b>Carryforward</b>				
School Council - 850		\$8,597.18		
Pizza Revenue Fund - 851		\$8,070.16		
<b>Total Carryforward</b>			<b>\$16,667.34</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Sara Westbrook (Student Presentation)	\$700.60			
Sara Westbrook (Parent Presentation)	\$548.05			
			-\$1,248.65	
HST Tax Rebate			\$119.78	
<b>Total Remaining</b>			<b>\$15,538.47</b>	

as of June 17, 2021					
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$18,696.16</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>					
2020/21 Approved Expenses	Amount Approved	Amount Spent	Remaining	Notes	
Discretionary Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
Candy Apples (staff appreciation)	\$461.00	\$461.04	\$0.00	GST Rebate of \$44.23	\$416.81
Pizza Reimbursements	\$1,626.00	\$1,626.00	\$0.00		\$1,626.00
Gardening Gloves, other start up costs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
Balls, skipping ropes, discs for PhysEd Dept	\$600.00	\$100.00	\$500.00		\$600.00
Seeds for garden initiative	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00		\$20.00
Wellness presentation for students (\$620+HST)	\$700.60	\$700.60	\$0.00	GST Rebate of \$67.21	\$633.39
Wellness presentation for parents (\$500+HST)	Will be covered by PRO	\$548.05	\$0.00	GST Rebate of \$52.57	\$495.48
			<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$4,791.68</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Refund from School Speciality				Refund from Aug 2020 invoice	\$13.99
Plantables Fundriser				Cheque Received, not yet in account	\$347.60
			<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$361.59</b>
<b>Balance remaining to spend</b>		<b>\$14,280.06</b>			

## 7. VH School Garden Update – Anne

Waterloo Region School Food Gardens came to Vista Hills yesterday and helped us build garden boxes for our School Food Garden. Due to extremely high lumber costs, we were only able to install 3 garden beds this year, two are low to the ground and one is accessible. The soil was delivered today and we planted seeds and plants with the Room 6 students and teachers. Our next step is to arrange for parents and community members to help with watering over the summer. Please email School Council if you are interested in helping out. Thanks!

**Room 6 Students and Teachers helped us fill the garden beds with soil. And then they planted!**



## 8. Beechdrops Park Update

Park to be completed by Fall 2021 with a rink, basketball court, playground and lights.

*Next meeting will be Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30pm.  
Have a wonderful summer.*

**Ongoing school council fundraisers:**



Go to [www.plantables.ca](http://www.plantables.ca) order your organic vegetable and herb plants or garden kit, enter our school code HawksAreHeroes and VHPS will receive 10% of your order for the VHPS school garden.



COBS Bread at The Boardwalk

Mention Vista Hills Public School when you order and Cobs will donate 10% of your order to our school.



Mabel's Labels Fundraiser online at [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and search for Vista Hills.  
Thank you for your support!