

Parent Council Minutes:

Thursday, January 21, 2020
6:30pm

Present: Lianna Brown (co-chair), Dave Legere (co-chair), Shannon Boisvenue (recorder), Jen Toop (non-teaching rep), Kali Greene (principal) Jean Kearney-Grant (teacher rep), Patricia Henry-Murphy, Steven Beecraft, Thomas Martineau, Liz Doyle (treasurer), Melissa Miller, Donald Cram (trustee)

| Agenda Item | Presenter | Discussion/Action Items Decision & Follow-Up |
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| Welcome | Lianna welcomed everyone to the meeting | Call to order @ 6:30pm. Attendance taken. Patricia motioned to pass the previous minutes, Liz seconded. |
| Principal's Report | Kali Greene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to in person learning on Monday, January 25, 2021 • Kali has been in the process of filming videos for parents and students with reminders of procedures that were put in place in the Fall. • Only real change will be concerning mask use. Students in Gr. 1-3 will now be required to wear masks. Kinders are not required to but it is recommended. Masks will be worn in gym class as well as outside. • Students are being asked to bring extra masks for replacements throughout the day once the original mask becomes soiled. Extra masks are also available in the office for students if needed. • School Council Team site has been set up and invites have been sent out. Previous minutes, agendas and treasury reports are available. Additional documents can also be added. |
| | Don Cram | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased that some schools in the board are reopening on Monday. Less than half in the board are going back. Some systems are to be worked out regarding teachers living in lockdown areas but travelling to a school in open area. More communication coming in the next day or two from the Director. • Suggested providing bag to each student for used masks. • Current director Steven Sliwa will be retiring at the end of year. • Budget time. Difficult to forecast with so many unknowns. • Busy term right now. <p>Action: Kali will provide students with paper bags</p> |
| Teacher's Report | Jean Kearney-Grant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to be going back. The videos will help ease the transition back to in person learning. • Teachers are working hard. • Primary focus is keeping the kids safe and keeping an eye on their mental health. |

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| Treasurer's Report | Liz Doyle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes. • Christmas Shop account =\$4699.55 • Fundraising account =\$2749.81 |
| Thanks | Group Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lianna expressed her thanks to all teachers for all their hard work and efforts throughout this challenging time. • Don agreed that teachers are not getting enough thanks. A big thank you on behalf of the board to all of them. They are doing three times the amount of work, doing their best for the students. It is appreciated. • Liz asked if there's anything that school council could do for the teachers to express their thanks. Kali explained that due to current restrictions it is difficult to do some of things we would normally do such as treats. Positive words are appreciated and go a long way. Discussion occurred in regards to developing a letter of thanks to be shared with teachers, anyone that would like to contribute can email Lianna at: lianna.j.brown@gmail.com |
| Water Bottle Refill station | Group Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two quotes have been obtained for water bottle refill station. Lianna presented the two quotes from OASIS, they are: \$1925 & \$2300. • Voting took place to spend up to \$3800 (allowing for tax, filters and installation). 7 votes in favour, motion passed. • First installation will be outside of primary washrooms, placement needs to be at a previous water source. Only two possible spots. Recommended by facilities manager that the first one be placed in this location. • School might be able to pay for a second station in the other hallway, possible funding coming. • Quotes will be added to Teams |
| Tree initiative | Group Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission granted from facilities to plant trees. Planting will most likely take place in the last two weeks of April. • There will be five trees in total planted. Three maples and two oaks. • Discussion regarding watering schedule. Could older students participate during school months? • There are no outside water taps at the school. Facilities to determine placement of trees as need to factor in mowing, shade and snow removal. • Further discussion on watering plan will take place at a future Council meeting. <p>ACTION: Lianna to reach out to HNOM to inquire about their process when they received their trees.</p> |
| Traffic flow | Lianna Brown | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kali spoke to STEO and HNOM regarding traffic issue. • HNOM has arranged buses to go as a team to avoid having cars in between them. • BYLAW phone number 613-256-2064 ext. 209 |

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| Miscellaneous | Group Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion in regards to a possible School Council Facebook page. Would require an administrator and close monitoring, often these pages become a place for negative comments and venting. Will continue to use the school Facebook page. • Jen has updated the school website. There is an area for School Council information. Liz will be in contact with Jen in regards to adding the letter of appreciation to the website. • PA day Monday, February 1, 2021 • One additional student will be remaining at home, after the return to in person learning, from previous number. • Patricia inquired if there has been any discussion in regards to Grade 6 orientation dates at ADHS, as well as, regarding the leaving ceremony. No discussion has taken place at this time. Leaving ceremony was virtual last school year, unknown what this year will look like at this time. |
| New Business | | No new business |
| Dates of Future Meetings | | <p>Dates for the next Parent Council Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday March 25, 2021 • Thursday May 6, 2021 |
| Meeting adjourned | | Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm |