

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, October 5, 2021
 6pm via Teams

Present: Kali Greene, Jean Grant, Donald Cram, Jen Toop, Lianna Brown, Kristine Wilson, Aisling O'Connor, Steven Beecraft, Shauna O'Reilly, Amanda Donnelly, Stephanie Cleland, Ru Uzan

Regrets: Liz Doyle, Patricia Henry, Sarah Martineau, Natalie Pierce, Melissa Millar, Jamie Gallant

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion/Action Items	Decision/Follow up
Welcome	Lianna	Attendance, decision to proceed with Principal's Report as there was some confusion about start times	
Principal's Report	Kali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -established and refined covid protocols, sanitizing processes well underway at school -school does have spare masks in the event that a child forgets, arrives with improper mask -reminder sent out the families about mask styles that are not permitted as per Public Health Unit guidance- gators, and ventilated masks not permitted -dedicated zones in school yard and cohorts continue. Each class also has bin of equipment just for the students in that cohort to enjoy -266 students total, 3 learning options available, in person, asynchronous and synchronous-please note in order to access synchronous learning families must apply in advance. -3rd kinder class added, staffing to hopefully be finalized by the Tuesday following Thanksgiving -3 new touchless water bottle refilling station available in the school, reminder to families to send refillable bottles for students to use -First Raven Rally held virtually in September. All students received certificate for their courage in managing the covid learning experience, for returning to in person learning -school wide focus is on relationships, mental health of students and meeting students where they are at 	-please see R. Tait Facebook page for examples

		<p>-this week is Fire Safety Week, fire drill conducted. Fire Alarm was also triggered a couple of weeks ago unexpectedly-extra practice for all!</p> <p>-Reminder that all students must complete the updated Ministry of Health Covid-19 screening tool (updated September 27, 2021) every day prior to arriving at the school. Lianna to share link or related document</p> <p>-Any students who are absent from school due to covid related symptoms must follow public health and ministry of healthy guidelines. Back to School Confirmation Form Must be completed prior to returning to school. Lianna to share link or related document</p> <p>-School Photo date booked for November 2, no retake date available at this time</p> <p>-There's a cohort of Kinder parents who have never been in the school, seen the school lay out, teachers etc all unknown to some families. Kali working on plan for video of school layout and introduction of teachers</p> <p>Discussion from this: Meet the Teacher options, families feeling a real disconnect with teachers. Availability constraints of Teachers time due to collective agreement with ETFO. Covid limits opportunity to meet in person as we have done in previous years. It was suggested that a Curriculum Night would be helpful. Teachers could provide review of what will be taught over the year, materials covered etc. Donald suggested that Voluntary 10 minute virtual meetings could be offered from teachers, wouldn't be formal parent/teacher interviews, but could provide initial greetings, making connections</p> <p>-lunch orders coming soon</p>	<p>-PDF attached to minutes</p> <p>-PDF attached to minutes</p> <p>-posted to R. Tait Facebook page Oct 6/21</p> <p>-Follow up includes: Kali to create video for new families to have inside view of the school layout/setting. -Kali will also propose to staff to create their own video greeting/introduction. -If parents have specific concerns it is recommended to reach out via email to their child's teacher to open dialogue. Potential to meet via teams</p>
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Teacher Report	Jean	<p>-Jean followed to discussion about families connecting with teachers. Suggests reaching out via email to request meeting via teams if there are concerns. Jean assures teachers want to work in partnership with families to help best support families.</p> <p>-Reminders that communication is regularly shared via Raven's Nest Newsletters, Facebook posts</p> <p>-A busy start to the school year with Raven's Rally, Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run in addition to making the transition back to in person learning after several months of being at home</p> <p>-Mental Health of students is top priority, Teachers are regularly assessing, students are at various different levels, gaps in French Immersion learning, catch up required for some students.</p> <p>-Jean passes along a huge thank you from the teaching staff for the Indigenous teaching resources that council funds purchased last year as well as electric pencil sharpeners, pool noodles and a stipend for each teacher to purchase resources from Teachers Pay Teachers. Last year the council approved \$2500 towards the above described items</p>	
Trustee Report	Donald	<p>-Donald posed the question of enrollment stats. Kali confirmed 266 students enrolled as of Oct 5, 2021. Donald asked if these numbers are up or down compared to projections.</p> <p>-Kali explained that while numbers are lower compared to the last couple of years, we are actually on track with the projected enrollment. There was a predicted down tick of enrollment for a year or two, and then we will see slow, gradual increase in the next few years.</p>	

Council Roles and Workings	Lianna	<p>-Lianna provided overview of council workings and what roles comprise the council. 1. Principal, 2. Teaching Rep, 3. Non Teaching/Support Staff Rep, 4. Chair/Co-Chair, 5. Treasurer, 6. Secretary, 7. Community Representative, 8+ Voting members</p> <p>-Council must have a minimum of 5 parents, must always be more parent representation than school based members.</p> <p>-must have quorum to hold meeting, majority must be parents</p> <p>-UCDSB school council policy and procedures posted in Teams group files</p> <p>-discussion of role responsibilities, Roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary</p> <p>Accalimed, voted unanimously in agreement</p> <p>-Discussion about Community Representative member. This individual does not have to be connected to the school, could be a municipal council member, business owner in the community, anyone interested in contributing to the school community. The goal is to enhance R.Tait's connections with the community, what opportunities might come from this partnership</p> <p>-discussion about connecting with Melinda Flood from UCDSB finance to get updates on Fundraising</p> <p>-minimum 4 meetings per school year.</p>	<p>-Treasurer-Liz Doyle</p> <p>-Secretary-Kristine Wilson</p> <p>-Chair-Lianna Brown</p> <p>-Kali to connect with Melinda on Thursday October 7 about getting fundraising balance for next meeting</p> <p>-at November 9th meeting we will book remaining school year meetings</p>
Other Items or Issues	Lianna and meeting attendees	<p>-Question about whether we can do fundraising this year. Kali explained that it's looking promising, but she still needs to confirm. First step is lunch orders starting soon.</p> <p>-If fundraising is permitted, Idea brought forward is Spirit Wear as we have not been able to provide this opportunity for a couple of years due to covid. Steven Beecraft brought forward offer to look at possible pricing for spirit wear options as he has a custom apparel business, could provide pricing quote and discussion about options. Suggestion brought forward, in addition to typical tshirts, hoodies etc ball caps and/or winter toques and masks</p>	<p>-Kali to send R. Tait Raven graphic to Steven. Council to discuss at next meeting.</p>

Closing Remarks	Lianna	Thank you for joining, great to have new and returning families! Meeting minutes will be forwarded via email as well as posted to Teams files. Kali to update active members on Teams Group to all current members can access info.	
Next meeting	Kali/Lianna	Tuesday November 9 at 6:30pm	-link will be sent out closer to date, as well as posted to Teams Group. Please send your regrets to Lianna via email if unable to attend.