

November 9, 2021 School Council Meeting

Present: Kali Greene, Jean Grant, Don Cram, Jen Toop, Kristine Wilson, Liz Doyle, Aisling O'Connor, Natalie Pierce, Amanda Donnelly, Jamie Gallant, Patricia Murphy, Steven Beecraft, Melissa Millar, Shauna O'Reilly, Stephanie Cleland, Lianna Brown

Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Item	Next Steps
Welcome	Lianna	Attendance	
Review/Passing of October's Meeting Minutes	Lianna	Follow up on Action items Video tour of school -completed Teacher introductions via video and other media -completed Logo graphic shared by Kali to Steven - completed Kali to connect with Melinda Flood to have fundraising balance shared with treasurer-completed Motion to accept minutes Liz Doyle, Seconded Steven Beecraft. Minutes passed	
Principal's report	Kali Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Safety continues to be top priority, limiting on site visitors, active screening process for vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors providing services on site</li> <li>-staff meetings are virtual to adhere to covid precautions</li> <li>-kids are managing well, have adapted to the covid precautions</li> <li>-countless hours spent in office managing the screening/back to school documentation, consultation with Public Health to ensure all essential steps are being followed for health and safety</li> <li>-Raven Rallies are being held virtually to follow cohorting/spacing. Streamlines length of rallies, might continue this approach even after covid precautions are lifted</li> <li>-masks for kindergarten students now mandatory, there are no mask exemptions within the school, all students are wearing masks daily</li> <li>-Junior students having been taking part in Indigenous learning workshops. "In your class, with your</li> </ul>	

		<p>class” virtual learning, 6 sessions over the course of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Progress Reports will be sent home tomorrow Nov 10/2021</li> <li>-Fundraising is a go this year. 116 orders for Spirit Wear. Subway/pizza lunch orders are starting. Popajack popcorn orders to start January 2022.</li> <li>-Donation of Daffodil Bulbs - Mr. Potvin donated a bulb for every student at the school. Mr. Majury Head Custodian built a nice flowerbed in front of the school donated for children in 2021 Truth and Reconciliation. All 200 bulbs were planted November 9, 2021. Children planted daffodils.</li> <li>-Inclement weather days – School will be open. Students remain in cohorts, might be in shared space but still in cohorts.</li> <li>-Whole staff are taking course on self-regulation provided by Merick centre. Same programming as Open Doors. Cynthia Hall is mental health champion at school – on Facebook page. Lots of resources including parent resources.</li> <li>-School board large focus on reading. Mrs Veniga and Ms Hall are running multiple reading groups going throughout the day to ensure kids are at the level they should be.</li> <li>-Remembrance Day service on November 11. Virtual ceremony earlier in the day. Small virtual service before one on Parliament begins. Staff members brought mementos in which are in the display cupboards.</li> </ul>	
Teacher’s report	Mme. Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Indigenous studies with Author Margaret Pokiak Fenton of Fatty Legs and When I was 8 – answered questions from students, very engaging for students. Enjoyed the workshops.</li> <li>-Lots of effort getting ready for Remembrance Day. 3 veterans coming to speak virtually to Mme. Grant’s</li> </ul>	

		<p>classes to speak about their time serving Canada including 2 female armed forces members and veterans.</p> <p>Treaties week – learned about importance of them in particular in regards to Indigenous Canadians.</p> <p>-school purchased Raz Kids A-Z French reading program for all French Immersion students to engage in reading online at home.</p> <p>-MyOn is English reading program that students can access on line from home</p>	
<p>Board Trustee report</p>	<p>Don</p>	<p>-Still lots of discussions going on about Covid-19. East end of board Prescott-Russell, lots of Covid. Leeds Grenville is relatively Covid-free. Everyone coming into front doors of school must be double vaccinated.</p> <p>Looking at budget, previous years trustees behind because they only have from May-June to develop budget for next school year but 90% is already spent by then. Do we need different approach to mental health or other key issues. So, looking at budget ideas now to get ahead of the game.</p> <p>-Inclement weather – Board discussions happening for next year. Weather patterns are very different across the board geography. Trying to determine best practices knowing kids should be in school as much as possible yet the weather patterns are so different. Having discussions with Board now. Will need to have Catholic Board on same page as buses are shared between boards so we need to have the same practices as them. Trying to come up with the best solutions i.e. Renfrew Board does not cancel all buses – they make decisions region by region, bus route by bus route, based on local weather.</p> <p>-Question – Can we access data on people getting vaccinated. Kali answered yes – information is available on Board website. Leading</p>	

		Ontario for vaccination rates. 94% vaccination rate. Teaching staff is 98% vaccination rate.	
Spirit Wear		116 Spirit Wear items orders for the Raven wear. Orders close this Thursday, November 11. Lots of toque and ball cap orders coming in.	
Treasurer's report	Liz	Opening balance acct #1 \$4,699.55. Another acct #2 \$2,899.81. Some electric pencil sharpeners and other items for each teacher (\$2500 total – this amount is what was left from that stipend) may not have been deducted yet. Should have income from Spirit Wear for the next meeting.	
Other items/questions		<p>-Raven rally – was it for everyone who attended or just outstanding students. Kali confirmed goal is to celebrate and recognize every student in the school. Some will get more than one. Every student got the courage award. Classrooms get recognized as well i.e. for Raven – resilient raven, cleanest classroom as voted by janitorial staff etc. Chance to recognize students and staff at the school.</p> <p>-No Christmas shop this year.</p> <p>-Running Elf Army again this year. Parents and students donate items that are donated to Interval House for kids/families there. -Also will be a Civitan food drive at Christmas time.</p> <p>-Purchase for French reading program. Kali purchased Raz Kids for French reading at home. MyOn for English reading program.</p> <p>-Communications - Looking for any other means of communication for school information aside from Facebook. R. Tait school website is kept up to date for school information. Question from parent – can we have a school wide newsletter to share upcoming, important information i.e. when progress reports</p>	

		<p>are coming out, what’s coming up for the holidays etc. In My Family Room, parents must tick the box to receive information otherwise, they won’t receive any notes from the school. Board has chosen D2L/Brightspace, Facebook and Teams for communication tools.</p> <p>Kali encourages parents to email teachers directly or to phone them with any questions at all about your child and their progress in the classroom.</p> <p>Don asked if parents can update and change their My Family Room settings to opt in to receive communications – Kali responded yes, parents can change their settings.</p> <p><b>Next meeting dates confirmed:</b>  Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30pm &amp;  Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30pm &amp;  Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30pm</p>	
Action items	Kali	<p>Homework to think about what we would like to fundraise for. Ie. One classroom got a large screen TV to learning support.</p> <p>Question – update on trees for school yard. Community Group looking to donate trees for planting in April/May. Logistics of having the trees watered once planted can be a challenge. Would need volunteers. Stephanie says you can purchase a water bed to go at base of tree from Lee Valley so that they don’t need daily watering. Kristine Wilson offered to volunteer to assist with watering trees that are planted. Could we purchase a rain barrel to collect water since there is not an outdoor water source at the school. Reach out to Emily about tree order. Kali – told to stay away from flowering trees to keep bees away and to reduce allergic reactions.</p>	<p>Idea to fundraise for water barrels and water bags (Lee Valley Tools) to support tree plantings next Spring. Kristine offered to volunteer to support tree plantings/watering needs.</p> <p>Lianna reached out to Julie Yeaman and Emily Pearlman about the tree donations and whether we can partner with them this year (fingers crossed Covid doesn't mess with plans again this year)</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

