

R. Tait School Council

Meeting Minutes -September 26, 2023

6:00pm-7:30pm

Welcome to those present: Mark Williams, Jean Grant, Shauna O'Reilly, Sarah Paradis, Amanda Donnelly, Aisling O'Connor, Khala Keeler, Blanchfleur Lavigne, Lianna Brown

Regrets Sent from: Kristine Wilson, Sophie Prescott, Julie Eaves

2023-2024 Election Nominations Reviewed, motion to approve nominations-Lianna, Seconded by Sarah

Members of R. Tait School Council for 2023-2024:

Co-Chair: Khala Keeler

Co-Chair: Lianna Brown

Treasurer: Aisling O'Connor

Secretary: Jamie Gallant

Voting Members: Vilma Caballero, Leanne Czerwinski, Amanda Donnelly, Julie Eaves,
Blanchefleur Lavigne, Sarah Paradis, Sophie Prescott, Kristine Wilson

Non-Voting Members:

Principal: Mark Williams

Teaching Rep: Jean Grant

Non-Teaching Rep: Shauna O'Reilly

Principal's Report:

- Currently 299 students enrolled
- Classroom structures similar as last year, Staffing complement almost complete, ECE LTO position filled by Juila Kelly
- Welcome Back BBQ went well, teachers worked diligently to have students engaged in early academic work to share at Open House. Great feedback all around from families.
- Terry Fox run held last week, final fundraising total will be determined Thursday September 28 when Financial Admin completes deposit. Board media dept was on site for the run to document
- Gearing up for Orange Shirt day on Friday September 29. Teachers are coordinating books, seminars, indigenous teaching materials to share with students
- Reading groups underway, early reading assessments being completed

Other Business:

- Yard/tree maintenance along front walking path-custodian Mark Porteous recently trimmed back branches-Thank you!
- Large pot hole in parking lot by kinder yard brought to Mark Williams' attention, he will bring forward to Mark Porteous who will consult with facilities about options to fill/repair etc
- Long term goal of an outdoor classroom, or shade structure, possibly earmark certain percentage of each fundraising effort to save for this expensive venture, would need to go through many levels of review and approval, wouldn't happen quickly, but could be an ongoing goal

Council Meetings, Save the Dates!

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, November 21

No formal meeting December

Tuesday, January 23

Tuesday, February 20

No formal meeting in March

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, May 7