

Chedoke School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 7th 2021 @ 6 PM

Attendees: Kristina Collier, Cindy Stewart, Mark Degner (P), Nicola Giles (VP), Sherrie Coulson, Lorraine Robinson, Emma Topping, Charlene Elston

Student Council Attendees: N/A

Special Guest: NA

Regrets: Emily Patton, Katie Duffy , Amy Zorzetto, Tim Cummins, Abdul Muhdii

\*Note: Please note that Kevin Benson and David Armani are no longer voting council members as of April 7th 2021. We thank them for their time and contribution to council. This will affect quorum on future motions.

Land Acknowledgement:

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt represents the treaty relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe with respect to sharing the land and resources thereon.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully, and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Meeting Norms:

- Please keep yourself on mute, with your video off.
- This PowerPoint will be shared.
- Questions will be addressed throughout the presentation and at the end. Please use the 'raise your hand' feature and wait for the chair to recognize you before speaking. You can also post questions in the chat line.

Treasurer Report:

Balance of \$0.00

#### Principal Report:

Since pandemic, we have been focused on safety, restoring community, and learning. Some highlights regarding our work in community building and developing a culture of care:

Mar 15th Sidewalk Chalk Art Day

April 1st Celebrated World Autism Awareness Day

April 8th International Day of Pink

Apr 22 Earth Day/Picture Day

Apr 26-May 10 Virtual Book Fair

Bell Times for 2021-2022 have been changed to 9:10am and 3:30pm. The change is made to coordinate bus service across the city with both school boards.

Safety: Important to acknowledge the hard work that goes into following all the protocols every day. Staff and students have done an amazing job.

Census Survey: see slides from Vice-principal Giles.

Parent Engagement Committee - allows parents input at the board level on decisions that the board is considering. Ms. Giles and Cindy are both members. Ms. Giles updated the council on discussions held at the last meeting regarding Grade 8 graduation. Looking at different options available to 2021 grads. Locations, limitations, input from our grads and the community. Drive through grad was discussed, but noted barriers when coming to children and families that do not have use of a vehicle etc.

#### Teacher Report:

No teachers report.

#### YMCA:

Not much to update from YMCA. Staff are utilizing app to inform parents on events, such as spirit day, as well as other pertinent information.

#### Chair Report:

March 11th 2021 Executive Council, Principal, & VP Meeting Details:  
- \$173.53 in question was used towards iPads and any other school needs, along with the \$1000 voted upon at December's meeting. We will give members the chance to vote on this, but ultimately the money went back to the students. We need to be more clear on dollar values etc. when motions are passed and approved in the future to avoid being penalized.

- \$500 for Council to vote upon its use. Mark will send us more information on what we can use this on and bring to Council to vote upon.
- Amendments need to be made to Treasurer report on previous minutes.
- January & March minutes need to be approved. Mark will double check if he sent the information to Katie. Please note in the March minutes Council had voted upon the outcome of February council date, and it was to be determined we would skip our February meeting.
- Agenda will be given to Council members 1 week in advance (as per usual). Handbook recommends that we give no less than 48 hours notice to the public (school website) what our agenda entails.
- Invite more school community members to attend meetings in the future. Provide link to MSTeams or call in number no later than 48 hours ahead of meeting to be available online.
- School community members will be allowed to sit in on meetings and voice their concerns/ questions. Any motions will be voted upon accordingly by voting members of council.
- Council members will be contacted who have not shown involvement in consecutive meetings (without given explanation to their absence), and asked if they are having issues attending meetings or if they are no longer interested. Kristina is making the executive decision as Council Chair to give these members 1 week to contact her back, before being removed as a voting member, thus possibly altering quorum.
- Quorum number may change (always half of members, plus 1)

Kristina will be discussing with attending members, as well as sending out information on Principal Placement Profile Survey, which is to be submitted by May 3rd 2021

#### School Council \$500 Allocation Ideas:

- Swag, shirts, masks, water bottles, #Chedokecares hashtag to be utilized. A way to keep our school community positive through what we are all going through.

#### Questions/ Concerns / Motions:

Meeting Minutes are to be added to Chedoke School website, once they have been amended and approved by council members. We ask due to personal and professional reasons that only first names be used when minutes are transferred to online availability.

Emma: Book sales for our virtual book fair. Will remote learners have the availability to purchase books?

Mark: We will get more information on how the book fair will affect remote learners (ie: picking up or delivery of items)

Emma: Is the 2021 Student Census for online and remote learners?

Mark: Both.

Emma: Have grade 8's added input about grad?

Mark: Students are hoping they could do something locally. Ideas are being discussed.

Kristina: Could we utilize NS4C outdoor space. Have grads socially distancing while proceeding down the walkway which was created in NS4C space (from kinder area), towards the school entrance.

Kristina: With the warmer weather ahead of us, can classes utilize the NS4C space for outdoor classrooms, while maintaining social distancing protocols?

Mark: Something teachers are already looking into. We have the space, why not utilize it if we are able to.

Emma: On grade 8 diplomas, will it list graduates of Chedoke school, or of HWDSB for online learners?

Mark: That is what we as staff would want for all our grads. They are Chedoke School students, and have been for years.

Nicola: Unsure, but hopeful to have "Chedoke School Graduate" listed on diplomas.

Motion

Cindy: Motion to approve \$173.53 in question to be used towards technology and any other school needs.

Sherrie: Second

Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled for May 5th 2021.