

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Cootes Paradise Elementary

June 5th 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marissa Sawatzky (Chair), Danny Fede (Principal), Louise Vanderput (Vice Principal), Katherine Tiringner (Teacher rep), Angeline Navaruban (Secretary), Sue Dumitru, Kate Ottewell (Arts Council), Katalin Podor, Erin Lepischak (Home and School).

Agenda Item	Comments	Person responsible
1. Welcome	Called to order 6:35 pm	Chair
2. Review of June Agenda and approval Review & approval of April Minutes	Secretary moved that they be accepted Kate seconded the motion CARRIED Mlle. Tiringner moved that they be accepted Chair seconded the motion CARRIED	
3. Principal/Vice Principal Report	<p>a. Staffing update – 3 retirements Mrs Rudzroga, Mme Francis and Mrs Tiringner. Some staff are leaving – Mrs Deboer, Mr. Tuttolomondo. Mrs Corbeanu, Mrs. LeDonne, Miss Collin, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Lee, Mrs Gailbraith. Not all are going to be replaced. Tentative projected classes are:</p> <p>5 FDK, Grade 1, Grade 1/2, Grade 2, Grade 2, Grade 2/3, Grade 3, Grade 3/4, Grade 3/4, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 5.</p> <p>FI Grade 1, FI Grade 1, FI Grade 1/2 , FI Grade 2, FI Grade 2/3, FI Grade 3/4 , FI Grade 3/4 , FI Grade 4/5</p> <p>POC FDK, POC Grade 1/2 , POC Grade 3/4/5</p> <p>These are tentative until the reorganisation in mid to late September. Student placements are almost ready and next years teacher name will be sent home on report cards.</p> <p>Grade 4's "design the agenda cover" went well and the winner was Lucy A from Mme Titians class.</p> <p>Growth and development for grades 1 – 8 will be taught from a reissued 2018 curriculum per Ministry of Education directives. Forms have been sent home about this and the curriculum is found below:</p>	Mr. Fede/ Ms. Vanderput

	<p>www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/healthcurr18.pdf</p> <p>The parent guide is available to all parents on the HWDSB public website :</p> <p>https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/supports/healthy-schools/parent-guide-health-and-physical-education-interim-edition/</p> <p>All teaching and learning will be inclusive, accepting and free from discrimination.</p> <p>Year in review – focus on positive culture and well being and student learning and achievement. Staff focused on ensuring all students have at least one caring adult in the school. Staff used MindUp curriculum, growth mind set, zones of regulation, community circles, “Its cool to be kind” to help with positive problem solving. Student learning was reinforced with early literacy strategies and assessment, digging deeper into Math with application/critical thinking questions.</p>	
	<p>b. Active and sustainable school transportation – the Vice Principal met with Kelly Scott a Public Health Specialist to discuss a sustainable school travel plan. Bike to school week in the month of May was well received. There is a proposal for the school to do a survey of how students currently get to school. Kelly’s main focus is air quality/ climate change, safety/injury prevention and physical activity/ sedentary behaviours. The current school travel plan is outdated (2015) and needs revision. Suggestion to create a transportation subcommittee with representation from teachers and parents. The goal is to encourage more families and students to either walk or bike to school throughout the year and not just when these initiatives are held during a kick off week. A suggestion to have quarterly draws to encourage participation on a regular basis.</p>	Ms. Vanderput
4. Teachers report	<p>June 27th – Last day of School June 26th – Farewell assembly for Grade 5’s June 25th – Grade 5 Altitude trip to Westdale Library June 24th – practice farewell June 20th – Track and field meet Mohawk June 11th – Grade 3 Battlefield trip June 7th – PD day June 6th – Cootes Draws & Room 121 Pirate day June 5th – Grade 5 gifted trip June 4th – Grade 1 FI field trip to the Zoo and warplane museum June 4th – Grade 2 artist in the classroom June 4th – Special olympics May 30th – end of EQAO May 30th – Grade 1 FI Farmers market trip May 29th – Grade 4 water festival</p>	Mlle. Tiringer

	<p>May 27th – 30 bike to school week May 24th – Brass Quintet May 24th – Cartoonist in the classroom Grade 1 FI May 10th – Author visit Room 225 May 10th – Cram a cruiser May 6 – Handbells choir at Shalom Village For anti bullying day students wrote kind, caring messages on white and pink sheets of paper. Also bullying awareness week was very successful with each day having a theme ie Mindful Monday, Thoughtful Thursday etc.</p>	
5. School Council report	<p>a. Pro Grant – Ann Douglas scheduled to arrive at 6:30pm June 6th for tech check, set up. Projector, microphone and podium required. Ann will bring her own laptop and Ms Vanderput to provide hers as backup. Event is registered on Event brite with a total amount of 40 people to date (incl 14 children ages 4-12). HWDSB gives \$1000 towards this event. Breakdown of costs as follows: Speaking fee is \$750 plus HST for a total of \$847.50. Cost of 40 bottles of water, 40 juice box containers and 30 nut free school safe cookies came to \$24.07. Cost of 3 babysitters (@ \$25ea) is \$75.00 Cost of flowers \$20.00 (as a thank you gift to Ms Douglas) Leaves a total of \$33.43 remaining</p> <p>Cheque for Ann Douglas to be made payable to Page One Productions Inc. At this point of the Council meeting, the cheque is not ready for Ms Douglas and this will be most likely mailed to her after the event by office staff in the next week.</p> <p>A Subcommittee was proposed from the April meeting to determine if information/educational resources were accessible to parents. Lisa Mertz met with a few parents and noted that this is already happening via classroom groups/ classroom social media, school newsletters and class reps. Hence there is no need to create a subcommittee.</p>	Chair/ Secretary
	<p>b. Landscaping committee – landscaping company is coming June 7th. They will be distributing soil, pruning the existing trees and filling the sand in the kindergarten pen. A spring clean up is proposed June 22nd after mulch will be available from the city. There is a free Community Clean up trailer available from the City that delivers rakes, gloves and other garden equipment. Chair to coordinate the Spring Clean up. There is a proposed clean up event in the fall also.</p>	Ms. Vanderput
	<p>c. Treasurers report – Min was absent. However there is no new updates from the April meeting other than the pro grant expenses listed above.</p>	Secretary

	<p>d.</p> <p>e. Arts Council update – gallery is completed. Some frames came off but have now been repaired. Cootes draws is tomorrow. Artists in the classroom are all complete. There are some changes for the following year. Lara Borys is not going to be a parent next year at the school as her children are graduating. Marlene and Kate are going to split things up next year and share responsibilities. Stacy Morgason is taking over the gallery.</p> <p>The schedule for Cootes draws is as follows: 9:40 – 10:40 Grade 1 and 2 doing architecture with Len Jessem 11:20 – 12:20 Grade 4 – Still life 12:20 – 1:20 Grade 3 – Portraits with Rae Bates Potluck lunch 2-3 Grade 5 – Landscape with Rae bates</p>	Kate Ottewell
6. Home and School update	<p>Fundraised \$20,000 for the 2018-2019 school year with Pizza lunches being the biggest individual fundraiser then silent auction, poinsettia, pumpkin night hike.</p> <p>There were lots of events including movie night, move and groove and also family skate. Lunch clubs were a success.</p> <p>The level of advertising was changed for pumpkin hike to ensure that the crowds were manageable and also for safety as the trail cannot handle overwhelming numbers.</p> <p>Currently class trip subsidies sponsor a minimal amount for the whole class. For future, the rationale is to sponsor the whole amount for the individuals who may need the assistance.</p> <p>Healthy snack program is continuing. DPA equipment is in need of replacement. Outdoor maintenance also gets supported by HSA.</p> <p>Home and School is in search of a President and Vice President to continue for the 2019-2020 school year.</p>	Erin Lepischak
7. Open discussion	<p>Question: Is there a cap on class size for kindergarten? Answer: Currently there are registrations of low to mid 20’s for each Kindergarten class. French immersion classes are over cap. Grade 1, 2 and 3 are at cap. The school is closed to out of catchment registrations.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Question: There was some concern about the no parking and no stopping zone on Cline Ave north. Where can parents safely drop their kids off if coming by car?</p>	

	<p>Answer: Dropping off in the school parking lot is not a great idea as the kids are walking in between cars that are arriving and also reversing not being able to see the kids behind them. Kids are also being dropped unsafely at the TD bank parking lot. This is very dangerous. It is hoped that more families will walk and bike during the year, alleviating some of the traffic congestion. For those who have to drive, an alternative is to park at Food basics and walk to the school using the pedestrian crossing, sidewalk and crossing guards who are in place. Or further up on Cline Avenue where there is designated street parking. Another alternative is the library/Shoppers drug mart parking plaza.</p> <hr/> <p>Question: There was some concern that parents don't have opportunities to engage with other parents from the classroom. Answer: It is hard to coordinate as it depends on individual parents, social schedules and parents level of desire to engage with others in the classroom community. The class representatives should try and create opportunities for parents to interact, and then it is up to each ones discretion to attend. There was an idea to try and rent the gym to create family nights once a month for each classroom (kids) to play board games or do group activities, while the parents interacted. This could be coordinated by the class rep or a few parent volunteers.</p>	
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm Katalin motioned for it to be completed Chair seconded the motion	

Thank you for attending School Council's last meeting and for all your support during this 2018-2019 School Year. Have a great summer and see you in September.