

School Council Minutes – Dec. 2, 2020

In attendance: Simon Carroll, Kristi Keery Bishop, Sarah Brown, Gillian Petersen, Leora van der Linden, Erin Reid, Heather McCully, Naomi Foster, Salma El Mansy, Jesse Blake, Becca Pallister, Brian Liberty, Julia Holmes, Tamara Monster, Magda Bootsma, Lauren Dukas

1. Welcome, Introduction, Land Acknowledgement – Simon called meeting to order at 6:33pm.

2. Approval of December Agenda. Sarah motioned. Salma seconded. All approved.

3. Principal's Report

- Successful mask and clothing drive for Bennetto and Dundana.
- Crossing Guard update: New crossing guards at 1) South St. and Lynden Av. and 2) Governor's Rd and Ogilvie.
- November Reorganization: As of November 3, there are 14 in-person classes at Dundana (down from 16 in September). There are 294 students in the school this year, whereas 350 is more typical.
 - Next switch date for remote/in person learning has been pushed back to February.
- FI registration: opened Monday November 30 and will close January 24, 2021 for SK parents to register their kids for FI. Families can still continue to register up to the end of August but are less likely to get placement in preferred school.
- Staff Development: School improvement plan is mostly on pause due to Covid-19 related priorities, as is Professional Development.
 - New math and well-being curriculums; little time for staff to discuss them.
 - Recent PD Day was mandated by HWDSB to be devoted to health and safety and parent communication. Staff meetings also have board directed focus on health and safety.
 - Next staff meeting will permit some time regarding identity and intersectionality. That new curriculum will be introduced to students January-March at age appropriate levels.
 - Focus is keeping kids safe, fostering community, learning, and following routines.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Current total (accounting for paybacks and bike rack) is \$1078.93
- Fundraising is still on hold, will be revisited by board in January.
- Schools are now allowed to do spirit wear purchases (following health and safety guidelines).

5. Discussion Regarding Scooter Rack

- Strong scooter culture in school, latent demand for safe way to secure scooters at school.
- BlueImp scooter rack, all inclusive (tax, installation etc.) \$2126.66.
- Cost would be significantly lower if HWDSB Facility services installed it.
- Location of extra racks is key to prevent theft.
- Next Transportation Survey will specifically include scooters to estimate demand.

6. Any other business

- Grade 5 end of year celebrations amidst Covid? Optimistic for something outside in June. Should hear from board by January/February. Celebrations will include remote learning students.
- School photos are going to be allowed in the new year (likely end of February/early March). Remote students would be included for photos and spirit wear.
- Windows open/air circulation: Staff encouraged to keep windows and doors open as much as possible, while keeping classroom comfortable. Reminder will go out to parents that kids should dress appropriately.

7. Simon closed meeting at 7:37pm. Next meeting February 3, 2021.