

# Dundana School Council Meeting

October 6, 2021 Virtual Teams Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 PM

## In attendance:

Kristi Keery-Bishop, Simon Carroll, Leora Van der Linden, Lauren Dukas, Naomi Foster, Jessie Blake, Gillian Petersen, Sara Dow, Sara Onufer, Emily di Sante, Heather McCully, Rebecca Pallister, Mark Brown

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

## 1. Introduction & Welcome, Land Acknowledgement.

## 2. Election of new council

- Simon is resigning from council
- Lauren Dukas - Secretary
- Heather McCully, Sara Onufer - Co-chairs
- Gillian Petersen and Sarah Dow – Co-treasurers
- Approved of inviting Eleanor Xie and Naomi Ives Peak to next meeting and to participate on council

## 3. Approval of October Agenda. Naomi motioned; Heather seconded

## 4. Principal's Report

- *Start Up Update:* Good start to school year. One remote class in our school. Presently, the board is in another round of staff posting because of reorganization. Need to hire 5 positions for Dundana. Therefore, there will be some upcoming staffing changes.
- *Covid Protocols.* Pretty good, students familiar with protocols from last year and serve as role models for new students. Staff are seeing some “covid rule fatigue”, doing Covid commercials to remind students not to get lax. Biggest change is daily covid screening form for parents to sign before sending kids to school each morning. If one child is symptomatic, ALL children in that family now go home. Some people received emails about today being photo day – but it’s incorrect. HWDSB is trying to get a board-wide clearance for a photography company. Courtesy bussing is available to some students now, there is an application process.
- *September Community Building:* lots of activities re: community, mental health and wellbeing etc. 3 x 30 mins per day for the first 4 weeks of school, to help students acclimate to being in class again. Staff and students have enjoyed them and may continue. Reorganized classes will likely continue to develop class community.
- *Good news:* Dundana is the winning school for community-in-motion for the year! Jessie Blake spearheaded these efforts.

- *Fundraising update:* Fundraising was not permitted last year. This year, councils can fundraise within certain parameters and with a focus of keeping it simple and manageable for the community. No pressure. 1-2 fundraisers for the year. Financial collection must be hosted by external organizations (for example, Mable's Labels). Another example is chrysanthemum sales through a greenhouse (picked up and sold AT greenhouse, not through the school building). No Non-essential volunteers are allowed in the building. Staff cannot be asked to volunteer for fundraising. Principal can assist if the demands are limited (like the beeswax wraps, previously). School Cash Online cannot be used. For fundraising, council needs a clear goal and the funds should be used within the year. Proposal due October 31. Suggested goal: outdoor equipment for the playground. Might do the bees wax wraps again if they can host the finances online (J.B. to inquire) Sara's family has a greenhouse in Millgrove that could do bulbs sales as a fundraiser. Council can vote via an email survey in a couple weeks.
- *School Council start up:* parents invited to event.



- Questions:
  - can kids bring Pokemon cards to school? Yes, kids can bring small, limited items to help stay active and engaged during recess. This won't be widely advertised to keep things manageable.
  - Cross country this year? Cross country meets are for grade 6-8. Will only operate at the school level for grades 3-5. Therefore, x-country will be within P.E. classes.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- No change since end of last year. Details will go out in an email.

## 6. Setting/Dates for future meetings

- Requirement of 4 meetings per year.
- Meet every other month on 1st Wednesday of month, at 6:30pm
- Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>
- February 2, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- June 1, 2022

## 7. Any other business.

- None.
- Sara moved to close meeting. Rebecca seconded.

**Meeting adjourned 7:50pm**

