

Dundana School Council – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Present: Sara Brown, Heather McCully, Leora van der Linden, Naomi Ives Peak, Jessie Blake, Lisa Neidrauer, Erin Reid, Mark Brown, Julia Holmes, Sarah Dow

Regrets: Gillian Petersen, Lauren Dukas, Emily DiSante

1. Welcome – Heather opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Reading of Land Acknowledgement and welcome
2. Approval of Feb 2 Agenda – motioned by Leora. Seconded by Sara. Unanimously carried to approve the agenda as submitted.
3. Approval of Dec 8 Minutes – motioned by Sara. Seconded by Naomi. Unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Fundraising update – direct donations (with receipting) to the Hamilton Community Foundation for Dundana's Outdoor learning fund has begun. So far we have \$450 direct donated to this fund. Kristi has also been able to acquire a \$500 grant from the Dundas Rotary club for a revitalization of our Kindergarten playground area as well.
 - b. Covid Update – there's been a bit of a back track on the protocols that were just starting to loosen at our last meeting (e.g. return of screener verification). Hoping that public health will continue to observe and loosen restrictions in schools when they are able. Rapid tests have been given out to students our first week back of in person learning. No more have yet arrived at the school but there has been some messaging that more will come. We continue to hand out 3 layer or medical masks to students as needed (mask gets soiled or wet, forgets mask). Noted the change in reporting of positive cases now via the website with no contact tracing isolation.
 - c. Transition to and from Remote – our transition to remote learning at the beginning of January went smoothly, then our return to in person was also a good transition. A large number of school ipads were lent out to both to Dundana students and to students in other schools.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Sarah reported minimal change since last month. Deposit from residual fundraising (Mabel's Labels \$50, Bulbs \$140) for a balance of \$1300.
 - b. Sarah requested the fundraising goal sheet to help with budgeting. Kristi to send to her and Gillian.
6. Fundraising Report:
 - a. Council discussed the outdoor education fundraising plan of the school as something they are interested in supporting. Lisa will put together some written and visual information about the outdoor learning project and the Hamilton Foundation direct

donation process to be posted on the Facebook group and school website. Kristi to send Lisa the information. Kristi to also connect with Facilities around planning. Council hopes to make the information public last two weeks of February to increase pre-tax filing donations.

- b. Council open to other fundraising ideas as well, but still constricted by covid protocols (e.g no pizza days, no volunteers in the school, etc). To continue to be considered at upcoming meetings.
7. May Teacher Appreciation Day:
 - a. Sarah raised thought of Council assembling an educator thank you to be distributed on Teacher Appreciation day on May 3. Suggestions included a flower/plant and/or edible component like cookie from Village Bakery. To include teachers, EAs and DECEs (total approximately 30 at Dundana).
 8. PRO Grant:
 - a. Deadline of January 28th has passed. Kristi to see if this has been extended.
 9. French Parents Association
 - a. No report
 10. Any Other Business:
 - a. Kindergarten Registration – when does it begin? Online registration begins on February 7th. More information to be posted on the board and school websites.
 - b. Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 - c. Meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.