

**Dundas Central School Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 5th, 2021- 7pm MS Teams**

Members attending: Bethany Foster, [Laura Bartkiw \[Staff\]](#), Tammy DiDonato, Joanne Di Miao, Aaron Vanderwal, [Megan Coombes](#), [Courtney Southworth \[Staff\]](#)

Members Absent: [Madeline Van Impe](#), Liz Hunter, [Elizabeth Hutchison](#), [Majdi Qutob](#), Jessica Fry, Brian Gauthier

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
Business Arising From the Previous Minutes**

- 1. Approval of Minutes (April 2021) - Council**
 - minutes approved by all members

- 2. Financial Update - Joanne Di Miao**
 - fundraising Mabel's Labels \$52.44; Mabels Labels sends out cheques once fundraiser reaches over \$50
 - teacher fund: \$996 is still outstanding for teachers to spend
 - Total Funds remaining: \$2635.05
 - all funds will all be carried over to next school year

- 3. Parent Engagement Fund \$500 - Bethany Foster**
 - does parent engagement fund carry over? Typically isn't carried over
 - Laura will follow up in regards to Parent Engagement fund being carried over
 - Bethany received an email regarding special events put on by Board for education and mental health week
 - links to the events have been put up on School Website and School Council Website
 - sessions will be recorded so anyone can go back and listen at any time

- 4. Spirit Wear -Courtney Southworth**
 - total of spring sales - TBD
 - for next year have website available for longer periods of time (6-8 weeks)

- 5. Equity-Courtney Southworth**
 - remind the community for those that can not attend the Meetings to fill out the form on the School Council Website (this will be mentioned in School Council reminder)
 - next meeting- members will vote on Meeting Days for next year or vote on Meeting dates can take place within first 30 days of school

- 6. Playground-Bethany Foster**
 - no update, still waiting to hear back from landscaping company
 - Bethany will notify the council as soon as she hears anything

7. Home & School Report-Aaron Vanderburgh

-no update; no changes in financial or membership status

8. Teacher Report - Tammy Didonato

-Grade 5/6 learning about Carbon restoration; Jane Goodall grant aids with testing of student's own soil samples and will give Parents a "report card" on their backyard soil
-Ms. Cavanah - first online book fair earned \$400 to go towards school library
-Mr. Bell and Mr. Bennett - collaborating with artistic director from Hamilton Children's Choir - they are working with students - learning new techniques in singing
-switch to online learning - packages from some of the classroom teachers have been provided to families and families have been picking the packages up (a variety of materials have been going home - custom to students)

9. Principal Report - [Laura Bartkiw \[Staff\]](#)

-student learning options 2021/22 that will include remote or in person
-teacher placement may change a variety of times from now until September/October
-student census - K-4 parents receive link and grades 5-8 receive link and staff will provide instructional time for students til complete
-LDR - available in the HUB
-Health curriculum grade 1-8 will be taught starting now and carry through the month of May
 -letters will be sent home to parents about the topics around Growth and Human Development
-grade 8 Graduation options - will be online presentation and if physical school is open it will be in person but will be in small groups
-no transitions of students from Remote to Physical school
-parent portal and school messenger is very important to check frequently
-teacher communication platforms - teachers are doing a variety of things
-class building: the process is starting and will continue from now in to month of June
 *Reminder - that may change 2 more times along with staffing
-students will be finding out next year's teacher - should appear in Parent Portal at end of June - will likely change in Aug and then again in Sept.
-Covid protocols in September? there may be - will have to wait and see for that direction
-classes are full right now but will have to wait for direction in regards to distancing in classes
-the board will be placing remote teachers into schools for supervision and will be supervised by the principal on site
-photos: Edge Imaging - they aren't sending out anything to schools until lockdown is lifted; parents will have an option to get orders shipped for \$5 - information posted to website
-graduation date - TBD - if fully remote - students will receive a digital ceremony/certificate which will be taped mid June - and released to students week of June 21st
 -if physical school is open then there will be a ceremony with heavy protocols

10. Other Business

- a. Paul Tut - Laura will follow up with Superintendent

11. Next Meeting: Thursday June 3rd at 7pm

Adjournment