

October Minutes 2020

Richelle Bratuz (Principal) 1st School Council Meeting Agenda

1. Reviewed what each Council Member does
2. Principal report
3. Went through each person on the call and gave a little intro about ourselves: (14 attendees)

1. Richelle Bratuz- Principal
2. Saira Waseem- VP 1st year
3. Sasha Walsh- Chair (continued on from last year)
4. Justine Brown- Co-Chair (on board again)
5. Jen - Co-Chair (used to be secretary) French Stream. From Glen Echo
6. Denielle Buttigieg- Secretary
7. Sez Nalsok- Treasurer
8. Alison Simpson-Teacher Rep- Librarian (few years on council)

Voting Member - must attend 90% of meetings

9. Megan Ryan (from Glen Echo)
10. Katie Jozsa

Non-Voting Member

11. Andy Larson (from Glen Echo)
12. Devon Powers
13. Jacqueline McDee
14. Brianne Nethercott (non voting member)

School Council: Goals

- * to advise Principal about student achievements
- *school improvement plan
- *sent out Handbook of Council via email and it is also posted on the website

Equity:

Making sure we giving all parents the opportunity to be part of Council meetings

- *Students needs are first and foremost

Things That Are Paused:

Fundraising - the protocol is changing. Jeff Giles (SOSA) is looking into this and what it will look like.

On-Line Fundraising is also paused most likely till the end of the year

Field Trips, Excursions and Volunteers because of not being able to have extra people in the school.

PIC- parent involvement meeting- Sasha Walsh parent representative from Eastdale

Website: banner for student council and minutes will go in there.

Denielle (secretary) will send minutes day or 2 before next meeting. Send to Richelle and Sasha

Update:

Richelle and Saira spent money for the school to help follow new protocols:

- Phys. Ed equipment (gym and outside)

It's been super helpful also with all of the rain because the field has been swampy and there have been many indoor days.

- pylon's: so kids know where to line up

- marking paint for cohorts and thankfully Richelle has a paint machine

- manipulative carts- received this fall for math

- French on line purchased board wide SMASH education for core French and FI

-gr. 6-8 on line text- training (paused right now)

- kindergarten-gr 6- purchased literary resources

- updating some of the tech (Sara and Jodi Spencer are creating kits for class rooms)

**more tech will be needed.

News:

Reorganizing staff. There will be a significant change for Eastdale. We lost 3 classes and prep and it impacts a lot of staff.

Richelle explained that this always happens in October for Hamilton

Progress Reports:

Thursday, October 29

If you are getting a new teacher you will know. Information will be coming home with the report card. Sasha explained it will be on a separate coloured piece of paper.

Thank you from Richelle :

HATS OFF TO STAFF FOR KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND GOING OVER NEW ROUTINES!

Custodial Staff- Amazing! So many signs and organizing furniture.

Parents: masks, protocols and keeping kids in appropriate clothes!

Teacher Report from Alison Simpson

*Feels so great to be in the building with students. Parents have been so helpful because the kids are so open to the new protocols.

Learning:

* learn lessons Module/ Covid health, mental health safety and getting into other stuff that staff has to support.

Books:

Library is not open to the students

They are borrowing boxes (40 books/box)

Material is going out

Putting books on a cart and visiting classes

Community:

* Glen Echo merge

Virtual assemblies, kids voting on school colours etc.

Doing:

* Terry Fox day- teachers did it individually

* Orange Shirt Day- learning about residential schools in Canada and honouring the Indigenous people that went to these schools.

Currently:

*Halloween- kids are excited for dressing up right now

Brianne shared that she had a fear with putting the kindergartens in masks, but they have been adapting.

And as far as the cohorts go, they are building classroom relationships

They are doing well.

Mascot: the Phoenix

Colours: blue and orange

9 people in staff room at a time to have lunch

Any Last Questions:

1. Community Involvement and Engagement

- food drive? End of Nov/ beginning of Dec

* we can put boxes in front of pylon's outside while still enforcing rules that nothing from home comes in.

- reach out to a food share in our community?

Can put a flyer out to go home and get 2 other parents to commit to help in the mornings and can tally how food drive went.

2. Jen asked how many people are in the school?

Richelle answered: 450 but can change as people move into the area, and because not everyone can re-enter at this point

We are tracking 3 schools:

French, English and Remote

Remind Eastdale Facebook page to add comments chart and get updates

Big Thank You to all the Executives and parents being a part of all of this

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, November 30, 2020

6pm

Motion to Close