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## School Council Meeting Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup>

### 1. Welcome

- S. Constable welcomed everyone to this year's first school council meeting
- Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.
- Everyone introduced themselves.
- Council meetings set for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Elections

- S. Constable informed parents that Paul Hatala had volunteered to act as the Chair. No other parents had volunteered for this position.
- All parents agreed to have Paul act as Chair for this coming school year.
- Mike Nefekh has volunteered to act as Treasurer for this coming school year.
- Suzanne Hall has volunteered to act as Secretary for this coming school year.

### 3. Principal's report

- S. Constable asked members if it was okay to create a group contact list to communicate between meetings. This was agreed to by all
- Time of meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- The first month of school's focus was on Mental Health and well being
- Covid safety protocols continue to be in place including masking and student cohorts
- Plant/Facilities have been out to see morning parking/bus situation. They are working with the board and city to come up with short term and long-term solutions.
- Each classroom will be equipped with its own ventilation system. This will have heating and cooling air ventilation. While the work is being done, the class will relocate to the learning commons. The work is to start at the end of October
- MJ has had to reorganize the school. We are down one class. Parents will receive a letter and email from homeroom teachers on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. The first day of reorganization in new classes will be Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Terry Fox run was a huge success. We set a school goal of \$700.00 and we raised \$2500.00. Other fundraising is still on pause.
- Extra Curriculars are underway with Covid protocols in place. Public Health and HWDSB protocols state that spectators are not allowed at this time.



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- MJ is having cross country teams. The grades 3-5 meet will be held at the school and the 6-8 meet will be held at Christie Conservation Area. Parent volunteers must show proof of double vaccination.

## Treasurer's Report

- Parent Council has 1284.81 in the account. Mrs. Constable asked is council would consider using some of this money to pay for a bus for our Cross-Country Team to attend the meet at Christie's. Council agreed to cover the cost of one bus and S. Constable agreed to cover the cost of a second bus.

## New Business /Questions

- G. Bijelic suggested that communication go out to parents asking that they consider a "kiss and go" method of drop off rather than parking a vehicle
- P.Hatala asked if renting property at Wills/Badder bus lines as additional parking was a consideration that might be feasible as the space is currently not being used. S. Constable will look into this.
- A suggestion was also made to have a sign that states "small cars only" installed if all the side parking could be on a diagonal.
- M. Patrineri – informed S. Constable that winter weather brings a new set of concerns to the parking situation as we lose many spots due to snow plowing.
- G. Bijelic – Informed S. Constable that there are dead trees adjacent to the school that are in close proximity to the hydro lines. This will create a problem if the trees break and take down the hydro lines. S. Constable will ask caretaking to please put in a work order to address this issue.
- M. Nafekh – suggested we could also use council budget money to help subsidize class trips and items that teachers may need for their classrooms.
- Information was shared about previous years of concern about the water and its safety . S. Constable did know that there is current water testing that is completed at each school. She informed council that she will look into the water testing at MJ and report back to council.
- A question was asked about having a "Free Recess" as opposed to cohorts. S. Constable informed council that the decision for cohorts was made by public and HWDSB but she would ask at the next Principal's meeting if there would be consideration to move to a free recess in the future.



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There being no further questions or items of new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021