

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES****September 21, 2021****Welcome to MS TEAMS Remote Council Meeting**

- Meeting started by Laura Zonta at 7:30pm, September 21, 2021.

**Attendance**

Those is attendance via MS Teams on September 21, 2021 were:

Katie Ego  
Donna Gerritsen  
Laura Zonta  
Denise Minardi  
Alison Mason  
Wendy Teed  
Sarah Robinson  
Nicole Sirotkin  
Laura McCannell  
Heather Govender  
Jennifer Woodfine  
Kirstin Lukasko  
Leanna Duncan  
Neelan Govender  
Sabrena Ball

**General:**

- 15 general members at our meeting so no need to vote on general members.
- Laura Zonta will remain as Chair
- Laura McCannell will remain as Co-Chair
- Katie Ego will remain as Director of Communications
- Wendy Teed will remain as Community Rep
- Alison Mason will remain as Teacher Rep
- Denise Minardi remains as Principal
- Please Welcome Jennifer Woodfine as Director of Finance for this year
- New members introduced themselves. Welcome to All!
- All returning members introduced selves.
- Reminder that Council members will vote on previous meeting's minutes (50% is needed for a pass).
- Reminder that members cannot miss 3 meetings and retain his/her voting privilege.

**Motion to Approve June Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion made my Sarah Robinson
- Seconded by Nikki Sirotkin

**Principal's Report**

Ms. Minardi - See Attachment

**Teacher's Report - Alison Mason**

**Mrs. DiToro – Kindergarten:** Super start! Happy to be back! We have been focused on our routines and rules and back to school feelings!

**Mrs. Bailey – Kindergarten:** Getting everyone set up on the Hub! Great start to school!

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Focus on routines and expectations!

**Mrs. Frizell Grade 1:** We have had a good start to grade one and students are settling in to the routines of the classroom. We are working on our letters and sounds in language. In math we are working on numbers to 50 and counting. Reading logs have gone home and students are starting to get stickers on chart for reading 3 days at home!

**Mrs. May – Grade ½:** Starting home reading and guided reading groups. Writing full sentences. In math we are working on patterning and number patterns and numbers to 50. We are filling our buckets for good work!

**Mrs. Price – Grade 2/3:** We are spending a considerable amount of time getting to know each other and learning routines to ensure the children are comfortable and adjusting well to the new school year. In Language we are starting DRAs with students to determine their reading level for instruction. In Math we are starting numeration and Representing numbers (model, expanded forms, words etc). In Technology the iPads were set up and students all have their codes and a copy went home in case of an unexpected closure. They have already been on RazKids, Prodigy and have gone on the Hub to access PebbleGo. We will be learning to use Brightspace to scan work and place it in their portfolios so that students can share with their families at home. They are doing All About Me presentations on Explain Everything and sharing them with the class.

**Mrs. Dahmer – Grade 3:** Lots of community building, classroom routines and expectations. Students are working hard to be bucket fillers! In Literacy we are working on paragraph writing, read aloud and discussions. Desk pets are providing a little extra incentive to write! In Math working on reading and representing numbers to 1000, ordering numbers, counting by 50s, 100s and 200s. In Science we are working on Forces causing movement and exploring different ways objects move and forces such as muscular, gravity, magnetism, electrostatic and friction. Reading logs have been sent home. 15 minutes a night and return each Friday. Hub is up and running! Weekly updates about what we are learning, words of the week, and upcoming events will be posted on the Hub each Monday. Students are practising using their passcodes this week and will start to post work in their portfolio next week.

**Mrs. Leach – Grade 4:** We have had a great start to the year. Our classroom Hub is up and running. Check for updates on student learning. In language we are learning to deepen our understanding of texts by making connections. In math we are working on place value to 10,000. In science we are exploring habitats and communities. We've also filled our Jar of Hearts Twice already (following classroom expectations!)

**Mrs. Nedelko – Grade 5:** A good start and a great bunch who play well together. "Back to school" writing focused on proper paragraph writing (topic sentence, supporting details and closing sentence). All just happy to be back with friends! In math we are working on representing and comparing numbers to 100,000. In Social Studies we have been working on Government and the electoral process and Student Vote!

**French – Ms. MacCuish:** French is going well. We started learning with the Grade 4s and reviewing with the Grade 5s on such things as vocabulary and key phrases. Looking ahead we will be using SMASH education this year and hope to get started on that next week.

**Physical Education – Mrs. Mason:** Outside for all classes except for one so far. The Terry Fox Run will be Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Cross Country will be at Millgrove on October

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7<sup>th</sup>.

**Empower:** Started this week. Other small group reading intervention will start soon. IEPs will be sent home no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Health (gr.1-3):** Working on reimaging wellness lesson. The focus for the classes has been personal identity, community identity and understanding and managing emotion.

**Budget:**

- Currently sitting at \$2550.25. Same as June from last school year.
- Council typically pays for 50% of the cost of the yearly agendas. Motion to spend \$456 (50% of total cost) on agendas: Motion made by Laura McCannell. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Woodfine. All in favour.
- The movie license is due. Approximately \$375 + hst. Pause on this spending until next meeting and re-discuss.

**Go For Green: -**

- The Fibar needs to be replaced around the playground structures every two years for safety. The new material is blown in at the cost of \$1289 + hst, totalling \$1456. This amount has been previously allotted for.
- Playground is also in need of 20 yards of mulch, 2 yards of sand and 1 yard of dirt for the kinder area (approximately \$300-\$400).

**Other Discussion Items:**

- Ideas for fundraisers for this school year should be brainstormed for next meeting. All fundraisers need to be able to be ordered online and delivered to homes with no contact allowed for pick-up at school.
- Would like to go ahead with the Halloween Dance A Thon again this year in some capacity. Perhaps donations through School Cash Online again. Children can have a donation form go home to collect pledges.
- Other fundraising ideas thrown around included a virtual movie night or air band with music videos. Will discuss more at future meetings.
- Denise is working on reimaging some of the school iPads. We will have to purchase new iPads for the Grade 1s this year as we are about 28 units short to allow for every child grade 1-5 to have their own iPad. The school will order and take care of this cost.
- The Constitution was emailed out by Laura Zonta prior to this meeting. Please review before the next meeting as we will have to review this as a group at that time.
- Meetings will continue as the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm on MS Teams until we are able to resume in-person meetings.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Nikki Sirotkin. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Woodfine.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday October 5, 2021 via MS Teams**