

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

PRESENT: Mubina Panju, Marco Lutterotti, Lindsay Rollo, Ms. Southton, Jenn Ziegler, Tania Wilde, Laura McKenzie, Melinda Jednorog, Laura Mulder, John Huculiak, Sandra Huculiak

Agenda approved by Melinda and seconded by Laura McKenzie, none opposed.

Minutes will be reviewed, emailed and approved next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2018/19: there is a parent resource library that no one can access

- 2020-21: discussed a virtual art session

- Overall, what funds were used? Were they clawed back? They were not used 2020/21. Mubina will look into ~\$500 from Ministry of Education Parent Involvement Grant or School Council Start Up funds.

- Last year the Art Gallery provided instruction on make your own puppets. An in-person field trip had been proposed pre-pandemic.

- Review by-laws that are 15 years old. Laura Mulder can re-format/update. We haven't followed the rules about Chair. We can motion to set aside bylaw if it isn't working for us.

- Learn Disrupt Rebuild: it is continuing as a resource. A shortened version was sent out but former principal Mike wanted 4 separate training sessions. There were problems with the perception of delivering these messages to traumatized people. Mubina introduced the idea of a reimagined wellness program by teachers, for teachers. The LDR info is on our website. Updates from the Board are expected in late October.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION:

- Chair - Jenn Ziegler

- Treasurer - Laura McKenzie
- Secretary - Laura Mulder
- H&S Rep - Sandra Huculiak
- Tania Wilde - voting member
- Melinda Jednorog - voting member
- Needed: Community Representative and vice chair

Next meeting Monday October 18 at 10:15am. Teachers will present first.

- Meetings will be the third Monday of the month:
 - November 22
 - January 17
 - February. 14
 - March 21
 - April 19
 - May 16 FINAL MEETING
- Nutrition program runs every day at 8:30 and needs double-vaccinated volunteers. Laura Mulder will come when she can.
- Positive school climate/ school improvement plan
- Playgrounds: gym equipment is lost or thrown away. Play structure requires space and insurance. Fundraising paid for cherry pickers. The other net was ruined. Mubina and Marco will research options.
- School council start up, money wasn't used from previous years.
- Holiday dinner?
- H&S will provide individually wrapped treats and Keurig pods for teacher appreciation.
- **Treasurer Report:** nothing has been viewed to report on

- **Teacher Report:** There is a general positive feeling. We are recognizing that students feel excitement, anxiety, getting to know one another again. They are seeking leadership in how to engage. It's an optimistic atmosphere. We have all missed singing, and it's wonderful to have Grades 1-8 again. We all love the donated letter carriers and people are asking for more!!
- H&S: coffee cart is being planned. For Halloween each class will receive a pumpkin to decorate.
- Principal's Report: Letters went home today regarding reorganization. It was significant; the largest in the board. 30 classrooms are reduced to 24, and 2 remote. There are lots of emotions around the changes, and new classes begin October 4. We ask that parents wait until after Thanksgiving to request any changes/accommodations. We staffed for 560 and now have 570. Normally 660 students, the number reduction is due to remote, home school or not locatable. There is a high demand and request for purchasing gym equipment and materials for each classroom. There should also be a technology review.
- Marco reported on the wellness program. For 6-8 weeks students are devoting time each day to discuss community building, teamwork, physical activity, interaction with peers and conflict resolution. There is 1 activity each for communication/teamwork, physical health and social/emotional health. Each week has a theme that is addressed.