

SWL School Council Minutes

Wednesday October 12th 2022 6:00pm @ SWL Library

ITEM	NOTES
Attendance	<p>Mr. Gregory Moore – Principal Gillian Stafford – Vice Principal Melanie Collingwood – Staff</p> <p>Jessica Walker – Chair (outgoing) Kimberley Donmoyer Fong – Treasurer (outgoing) Ashley Hinks – Secretary (outgoing) Jessica Codd DJ Gacic Kelly Harrison Natasha Ivetic Lucy Jindra Sandy Koudys Nicole Oliver Katie Pock</p>
Introductions	<p>Mr Moore showed a powerpoint presentation reviewing the purpose and roles of school council. Key points included; roles of school council members, roles of principal, fundraising, school plan, SWL council constitution,</p> <p>School plan, currently in draft form, focus on following targets; improved reading achievement for all students, all students feeling safe, welcome & supported at school, support staff in employing small group targeted instruction in their classroom</p> <p>Discussed the SWL School Council Constitution, and how it can only be changed at the final meeting of the school year. Group discussed that we would begin working on creating a proposal for the changes, to be presented at final meeting.</p> <p>Discussed need to get a more diverse voice from the school community – surveys, town hall meetings, recruit parents to join council.</p> <p>Mr Moore wants SWL to be known as a safe, welcome & inclusive place where everybody wants to feel safe and welcomed. Discussed how we quantify how the school is improving, student survey?</p> <p>Reading achievement continues to be monitored by teacher and documented for each student. Those on the cusp will work with teacher, Ms. Stafford & reading specialist to come up with a plan to get reading up to grade level. Reading specialist at SWL works with students on the cusp in Grade 1.</p>

	<p>Math achievement, Mr Murray pulls small groups for targeted instruction if they are behind.</p> <p>Tutoring Supports – available through the school to teachers. Phonics Academy, Math Blasters. Certain criteria for which grades are targeted for which program (last year 2's used phonics, 3&4's Math. Kelly asked what about kids that are falling behind that aren't in the targeted grades? Mr Moore suggested that is a discussion for our MPP, decision not made at school level.</p> <p>Katie voiced concerns of students who are excelling in math/reading being left behind. The school/board does not offer any enrichment programs beyond gifted.</p>
<p>By Law Review/Chair report Jessica Walker</p> <p>Election</p>	<p>Council spoke last year about getting a focus group together to work on by laws. According to handbooks it should be reviewed annually at first meeting. Looking at increasing number of voting members allowed, as school population has increased. Cleaning up verbiage, rules and responsibilities, ensure code of ethics is correct. Important thing for group to focus on, put together a proposal then out to community for approval.</p> <p>11 people have showed up to meeting, current by law only allows for 10 voting members. Katie has agreed to step down as voting member, still welcome to join meetings, discussions, etc.</p> <p>Jessica Codd nominated Jess Walker for Chair, majority in favour. Jessica Walker nominated Kimberley for treasurer, majority in favour. Jessica Walker nominated Jess Codd for Secretary, majority in favour.</p> <p>New Council Members are as follows: Jessica Walker – Chair Kimberley Donmoyer Fong – Treasurer Jessica Codd – Secretary Jessica Codd DJ Gacic Kelly Harrison Ashley Hinks Natasha Ivetic Lucy Jindra Sandy Koudys Nicole Oliver</p>
<p>Staff Report – Ms Collingwood</p>	<p>Terry Fox Day - First in person assembly, all grades participated in run, three different tracks for different age groups, lots of money raised SWL Library has a TikTok. Orange shirt day – commemorated on September 30th Student Voice Committee will be up and running soon for grade 7-8 students. Run in school events like crazy hat day. Gives students leadership opportunities and gives them a say.</p>

	<p>Islamic Heritage Month October, beautiful display in lobby 3 Pitch team – tournament was rained out, made up the game after school hours Heart Program – run by Big Brothers & Big Sisters for grades 3-5, during one nutrition break a week. Math Blasters – started today Cross country meet – held today, kids were so excited to see many other students from other schools all in one place. A grade 5 student from SWL (Lucas) came in first place Junior Swimming – meet on October 27th for grades 3-5. Groups of 7 schools competing Jr & Sr Volleyball – up and running, first game tomorrow. Junior band – grade 3-5</p> <p>A question was raised about communicating to families about what sports, activities, etc. are happening in the school. It was suggested to have a school calendar, or newsletter go out to families on a monthly basis to keep. Ms. Stafford & Mr Moore are working on things communication wise, its on list of things to do</p>
Principals Report Mr. Moore	Doors and Window Replacement Project – all doors and windows are now installed, now working on a few deficiencies ie. Painting doors, stickers, etc. Reorganization Update – all things considered reorg went well. Didn't open or close any classes so no staff reorg was necessary. Created four new blended classes, two blends became straight classes. Moved 85 students total, start with their new classes this Friday. One reason meet the teacher is later this year. School currently has 751 students enrolled Indigo Adopt a School Fundraiser – SWL was chosen as second tier recipient by Indigo, donations made directly to Indigo both in store and online went directly to school. \$10,000 raised (!!). Purchasing party including students will head up to Indigo in the coming weeks to pick out some new books for the school library Photo retake day – coming up on November 23 rd . On school website & calendar PA Day – Monday, October 24 th is a PA day. Staff will be working in the morning on school annual plan, looking at reading through an equity lens. Staff will spend afternoon in training
New Business	Suggested that we hold another meeting in two weeks time, rather than the usual month, in order to begin discussing any new business. Will establish all meeting dates for the year at that meeting.
Next Meeting	Wednesday, October 26 th 6-7:30