

## SPENCER VALLEY HOLDING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

October 5, 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Virtual

**CO-Chairs:** Sasha Spycher-Sulentic

**Secretary:** Kristin Weber

Linda Van Pelt

**Principal:** Audrey Hensen

**Staff Reps:** Tanya Sanders, Rachael Kott

**Community Rep:** Anne Campbell

**Home & School Rep:** Erin De Souza-Bruce, Kristin Weber

**Attendance:** Linda Van Pelt, Becky Galer, Sheryl Heddle-Kaftka, Meredith Borne, Anne Campbell, Erin De Souza -Bruce, Julie Hunter, Julie Said, Karen Brown, Pam Crichton, Kristin Weber, Liza Banoub, Audrey Hensen, Tanya Sanders, Abigail Pinto Correria, Heather Foster, Donna Geritson, Rachel Kott, Emily Craddock, Megan Wiggins

**Call to Order:** 6:33pm

### Welcome and Introduction

**Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approved by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle

**Additions to/ Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Kristin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin

### Principal Report – Audrey

Thanks you the members of the safety re-opening committee.

Staff have smile t-shirts, trying to offer some sense of normalcy. This is possibly the first time out in the “new world” for some students.

Staff are working hard to remain within Covid restraints to continue to offer the best programming possible.

Students are permitted to have cell phones in backpacks if needed for communication with parents, but must not be during class time.

Drop -off issue has been alleviated by creating a kiss and ride in the bus loop (details are in the principal post on the school website). Becky G was wondering if there will be a kiss and ride at the new school site? Audrey is unsure, but will find out.

Students have done a great job at mask wearing, they are caring for each other by wearing the mask, and being considered a hero, or good citizen by doing so.

Mrs. Hall has created a knowledge form, whereby the students can connect and build online, rather than just in person.

Mrs. Sanders is being creative due to Covid restrictions, and teaching body percussion and using outdoor learning.

Staff are experimenting with new math curriculum.

Primary grades now have coding and robotic programs they are working on.

Community support from 3 FDK families who have replaced the damaged tables that were outside on the playground.

New pictures of the new school were shared with the group.

#### **Staff Report – Rachel Kott**

Considering returning to school in a pandemic, things are running surprisingly smoothly. Staff are seeing some great imagination as students must remain in their cohorts on the playground. There are less issues of conflict arising. Staff are having fun watching how they are playing together within their group/cohort. Overall, everyone is doing as well as they can with having to wear masks.

#### **Milgrove Update – Becky Galer**

Deferred to next month as there is nothing new to report.

#### **Home & School Update – Erin**

Deferred to next month, first meeting is tomorrow evening.

#### **Grade 8 Grad Awards**

Reviewed the awards from 2020 grad. Kristin W, wondered if there was a monetary award that goes along with the parent council award, as there has been in the past, and wanted to ensure that it remains in our budget. Audrey and Tanya will look into it and we will follow up next meeting.

#### **New School Naming Committee**

The on-line consultation process was completed and we have a list of names that have been recommended by stakeholders. We now need to form a Naming Advisory Committee to meet on **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held via MS Teams.

The Naming Advisory Committee should consist of the following persons:

#### **Non-voting Members**

- Two trustees (the ward trustee of the school, who will act as co-chair of the Advisory Committee; and one other trustee)
- Superintendent of Student Achievement who will act as co-chair of the Advisory Committee
- Manager of Corporate Communications or Designate
- Manager of HWDSB Educational Archives & Heritage Centre

## Voting Members

- Principal & VP – **Audrey Hensen**
- School Council representatives from both schools - **Michelle Toner**
- Home and School Association representatives, where they may exist – **Erin DeSouza Bruce**
- Representative from Hamilton Public Library and/or local historical society -
- **One teacher**
- Student representatives (grades 7-8) were applicable
- Community Representative (neighbourhood association, Business Improvement Area, etc.) – **Anne Campbell** and possibly **Greensville Optimists**

The Naming Advisory Committee is to meet and decide on the potential names submitted through public consultation. The committee, through the SOSA, will provide a report to the appropriate meeting of Trustees listing up to three names for the school based on the following criteria:

- Reflect HWDSB's vision, mission, commitments, and community composition
- Provide inspiration to students
- Have community and district acceptance
- Be appropriate for the whole district
- Have local community, district, provincial, Canadian or international significance
- Where appropriate and possible, address underrepresented groups.

## Election of 2020/2021 Executive

**Co-Chairs:** Linda Van Pelt remains.

Kristin Weber nominated by Linda Van Pelt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl Heddle-Kafka

Pam Crichton nominated by Michelle Toner, however declined the nomination

**Secretary:** Erin DeSouza Bruce, Pam Crichton, and Michelle Toner (shared responsibility) (self nomination) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Van Pelt

**Next Meeting: Monday November 2, 2020 @ 6:30pm remote via MS Teams**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 pm**

**Approved at November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting**