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Parent Council Meeting
January 14, 2021
7pm

Attendance:

Barb McVittie, Kate Babetin, Karen Groen, Crystal Troup, Robyn Bainbridge, Jennifer Haverty, Michelle Ouzanis, Tannis Gunell, Cheryl Graves, Tiffany Budler & Jelena Maifrini

1. Welcome: Jeff Evans

- Completed by Kate- reviewed agenda

2. Principal's Report: Barb McVittie

Happy to see everyone, knows how trying this has all been; especially with tech issues.

When moving from QR to SV- when migrating all of the Data, Hub accounts of children and staff were affected. The staff were required to scramble and have found a "patch" that is working. All staff and students and teachers have been so resilient. School Messenger should now be good to go, notified last night. Hopefully we are in full swing now with regards to online learning. Most families are online, some have opted to complete work packages for the children, which works as well.

71 students required devices. 20 were provided with internet access included, for those who live in rural issues and do not have access to appropriate internet bandwidth.

The building updates: it looks beautiful! So bright and so clean. So much room. The kids are going to love it. The deficiencies list is still being worked on daily. Today was the fire alarm panel. Making sure the locks for the doors work etc. Gym screen is being installed tomorrow.

- An electronic scoreboard will be installed next week
- All chairs have been delivered.
- Waiting on desks, production was disrupted.
- The move went very well. It was very smooth.
- The staff worked tirelessly to pack everything up.
- The movers said this was the best move they have ever had.
- They budgeted 2 days, and it only took 1 day. 8am-4:30p. Complete.
- Right now, belongings are being sorted.
- Furniture being sorted
- Signage being posted
- Signage on the floor also being positioned

- Update on Funding Applications for Music/Science/Art Rooms

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Have not heard back for the **Music Grant Application**. Nothing yet; Barb checks every day. Was speaking with someone from the Budget department and was awarded an additional 7500 dollars. We are well on our way to getting instruments for the instrumental program.

6800(rural schools) +7500 (budget from board)- may be used for instruments

- Update on Possibility of Natural Wood **Playground**

Naturalized playground- Facilities Management. Outdoor design Manual- the Board's guideline. She just received today. She will be going through it today, hopefully a staff committee and perhaps a parent or two. Evaluate- will it work? How long will it take?

- Update on Possibility of Collaborating with **City to Fund Playground**

Ellen Warling? (SP) works with community partners, meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss if we can form a partnership with the city of Hamilton re: parks and population.

3. Teacher's Report: Mrs. Bainbridge

- Suggested/ Requested Items for New School

Staff survey- still waiting to see what they need for supplies.

Technology needs may not exist depending on how many devices we are allotted to keep

Political announcements are extending this right now at this point

Document cameras- would be able to share a book etc. and project onto white boards

New Curriculum- one of the needs as per the teachers, would be coding technology. What do we need and what kind of sources and resources do we need? Coding devices?

We never have enough books

Not able to identify what the needs in their classes are yet because they don't have desks in the rooms yet. So, they do not know how much room etc.

- Staff meeting next week:

Will start a **google doc**: what are needs per class

Teachers can facilitate this running list and Barb will identify "definites"

4. Treasurer's Report: Crystal Troup

Monies have not changed. Balance remains at \$23,769.18

5. New School Funds Spending

- Playground – wait and see
- Tech Renewal Plan – wait and see

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- Hand Sanitizing Stations – Barb has spoken to many people. Need to meet Board Standards. Facilities Manager (Vito) is searching for battery operated machines that allow independent filling, because it has to be Board approved solution. C or D batteries needed to operate. **Who covers cost of batteries?**
Range from \$150-300
Will keep looking, because it is a great idea, and they do definitely exist.
- Shelving/Furniture- wait and see. Kindergarten and Primary classes likely to require
- Library Books- Books from Queen Ranger's came over. There are approx. 50 additional boxes that were dropped off into the library- not sure where they came from? Possibly from Bray? The one boxed appeared to be brand new. Library is coming to set up shelves and library soon. An auditor will come and assess where we are short and what our purchasing needs are
- Scoreboard- being installed next week.
- Projector on Cart- 2 new projectors from old building and 2 carts as well. One new. Big screen will be installed.
- Sand pit- only add when we do track and field. Do not keep all year round because it becomes a toilet for cats and other outdoor animals. We may be able to drive a vehicle to dump sand intermittently when needed
- Gym Equipment- indoor and outdoor- Mr. A will compile a list

Karen:

Q? -Projector in Gym- permanent/installed. Isn't that necessary?

A: Where it would have been mounted, it would have been a danger. Now projectors with carts.

Q? -Playground lines- 4 squares to be painted correctly/fixed. What about other games? Basketball lines?

A: Staff will ask the children. Brainstorm wants/requests as per students. Will inquire re: companies and costs

Kindergarten area is not as big as Barb would have liked to see it. They will also use the big playground when the big children are not out, so that they can utilize more space.

Barb will look into who we can use for line painting and if we can shop around. If there are any prerequisites as per the board or Board approved only.

Cheryl-

Has been listening, but wants to comment and provide her opinion.

Not sure who answered the survey when it rolled out last year

She did not answer the survey regrettably

Playground is not a priority for her

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Thinks that we should focus on the educational needs when thinking about spending
Does not think that we should discuss the playground in such detail at every meeting
The I pads will be taken back to their locations when Remote Learning ends
“The iPad situation at our school is terrible”, money should be allocated to iPad
She agrees to the line painting.

Michelle-

Not sure, but did we discuss the drop off and pick up for the new school?
The neighbourhood has petitioned to have no parking.
Apparently, the city approved this restriction, while the school was under construction.
No notification was given to the school or parents, if this is the case.
These alleged signs with prohibit parking from 7-9am and from 2-4pm.
Understandably, we are concerned due to the safety issues, as well as the lack of communication and transparency.
Is there a plan in place?
Can parents drive through the parking lot or is this a safety issue?
No place to turn around when there are busses parked there.
Bray- Parents would line Dunham and swing in.
Or park in the neighbourhood and walk up the path
Behind the plaza- complaints about once a year (blocking trucks)
In the plaza- end up having complaints
Teacher's parking lot
It's going to be a mess
The layout to the school now, even less parking space
They intended to have a kiss and ride, but ran out of space
Used to have 4 visitor parking spots, now we have 2
Also have a daycare now who will use this
With Staff and Daycare staff, there will be no space to park.
There is a flow, it will be tight, but there will be a flow.

Barb will contact Board- how was this passed. Was the Board notified or involved?

6. Upcoming Meetings

- • February 11, 2021
- • March 11, 2021
- • April 8, 2021
- • May 13, 2021
- • June 10, 2021

7. Evotes:

December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Approved