



# Yorkview School Council Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2020 6:30pm-8pm

In attendance: Michelle Rodney, Majdi Qutob, Sabrina Press, Amy Taylor, Brian Gauthier, Steve Hill, Brianne St. Louis, Rebecca Ganann, Jenn Sommerville

Regrets: Stacy Waye, Brent Clark, Hilary Nolan Haupt, Megan Medlock, Lily Ernst

1. **Welcome/Introductions** (Majdi)

2. Reading the **Dish with One Spoon Land Acknowledgement** (Brian)

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Minutes will be re-circulated with the current minutes and then posted on the website

4. **Approval of Current Agenda**

- No changes noted

5. **YMCA Before and After School Program Update – deferred**

- Existing YMCA families can check the website for information about childcare support during strike closure

6. **Dundas Valley Cooperative Pre-School Update**

- If strike action happens, the pre-school will remain open (only affects Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at this point)
- Mickey Mouse Disco is on hold for now; planning a date in May; will reach out to School Council closer to date re: assistance
- Valentine's Day in class party coming up

7. **Principal's Update** (School Improvement Plan, Job Sanctions) (Michelle)

- **Job sanctions** – unless the job action is resolved, Yorkview will be closed Jan. 31, Feb. 6, 7. So far, those dates are just ETFO (teachers and ECEs), not OSSTF (administrative staff). On those days, anyone not part of ETFO will be at the

school, unless the EAs are assigned elsewhere. When OSSTF has been off, the high school EAs are reassigned to elementary schools. There has been some talk of OSSTF joining in on Feb. 6, 7. Picketing will take place at Sir William Osler.

- There will be no report cards coming home, however, the teachers still have all the assessment data on the students (all grades).
- **Staff updates:**
  - Mrs. Henry back Mon. and Tues. this week and next, with plans to come back
  - Mrs. Knott is back Mon., Wed., Fri.
  - Christine M on Tues., Thurs.
  - Both will run EMPOWER (will run every day)
- **Late arrivals/absences:**
  - Some letters went home for people consistently absent or late; with letter – 5 things you need to know about school attendance, impact of consistent absences (e.g., sense of perseverance, skill levels, likelihood of dropping out of school by Gr. 9). This information will be posted on the website.
- **Issues with speeding:**
  - Parent of a preschool child has complained about speeding on Cameron. Mrs. Rodney has spoken with this parent and has also connected with our new police contact (Constable Richard W.), regarding this concern. There has been an increased police presence to observe for speeding, failure to stop. There is new signage for the parking lot as of today (i.e., do not enter, one way), as well as cones at the entrance.
  - Discussed whether a 'no parking' sign could be added to the gate. Discussed that it may be beneficial to re-paint for fire lane, no parking zone.

#### 8. Teacher Update (Submitted Black top painting designs) (Michelle)

- **Playground painting:** the students have been talking about it. Mr. Puppa summarized these suggestions.
  - *The top suggestions were:*
    - Hopscotch
    - Basketball court lines – three point line and foul line at each end (closer than usual)
    - Four square

- Labrynth or maze
  - Mirror me game
- *Next tier:* snakes and ladders, twister, mini running racetrack, problem solving circle
- *Other ideas:* Obstacle courses, jump lines, bouncy castle
- *Things to be aware of:*
  - wall against gym → kids use for bouncing against wall – should be avoided
  - Running racetrack could be hazardous
  - both entrance/exits so that painting isn't too close
- *Going forward:* staff are happy to leave this in council's hands
- Suggestion: council come up with 2-3 suggested layouts
- 8 nursing students from McMaster started – here for 12 weeks. There is a question for the board if the students can come in.
  - Have talked about looking at the information received from the students.
  - Nursing students will be broken up into 2 groups
    - Physical activity and nutrition – this group could work with this information in mind
    - Mental development of the child
    - Need to lay out clear objectives and goals for them – what and where
- Timeline for getting the painting done – likely not before April; realistically not before summer. Likely lining up contracts now.
- Need to get three estimates to take to the Board.
  - Need to look at approved vendors list
  - Should contact area supervisor for facilities – Rob Hinich – he will send three people to get a quote. Suggest having Brent involved in negotiating estimates.
- Who is going to be involved? How do we proceed as a school council?
  - Should we have a sub-committee?
    - Brian, Brent, Majdi, Steve
    - Good to have balance of activities, inclusive of gender, age, ability levels
    - Balance of kids fun with teacher oversight
    - Sub-committee will work in partnership with the student group
  - Nursing students can do research about the benefits of different types of physical activity to inform the decision making

**9. Financial Update/Budget Committee** (Hilary/Rebecca/Majdi) (5mins)

- Reviewed financial report as submitted by Hilary
- Primary trip (K-Gr.3) scheduled for Apr. – still on the books but is a matter of the job action being settled.

**10. Fundraising Committee** (Amy/Megan/Sabrina)

- Need to decide about Dance-a-thon – usually in March, need to discuss possibility of being pushed to Spring
- Discussed pizza days may be impacted by job action – discussed contingency plans about how to manage missed days (e.g., an extra pizza day)
- Discussed having a Spring community BBQ in alignment with Open House (mid-May)
- Talent Show – anyone who might be interested in doing the talent show this year? (with Mrs. Sardo) – Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Gelderman said that they would be willing

**11. Advocacy Committee** (Brent)

- Deferred

**12. Environmental Stewardship Committee Update** (Steve/Brian)

- Nadine from Fresh Air for Kids (Green Venture) reached out – exploring potential to get Gr. 4 & 5 kids involved
  - o Brings in local scientists, check air quality around school
  - o No cost for program – fits well with curriculum
- Adopt a Koala program (Rebecca to share information)
  - o Supporting preschool ride-a-bike event
  - o Mrs. Rodney will follow up with EcoClub to explore opportunities
  - o Encourage litter free lunches
  - o Unable to collect funds at this time due to job action – can potentially revisit once job action is resolved
- Wrap up with TD – Steve needs to follow up with photo releases and will share pictures for TDs year end reporting. Steve will follow up with Green Venture re: the consent forms and if it allowed for sharing with third parties.
- Environment Canada has new grants – EcoAction Community Funding Program. Discussed the need to partner with not-for-profit organizations, need for

matched funds. Discussed potential to leverage playground funds. Steve will contact GreenVenture to explore this opportunity. Submissions are due Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Communications Committee** Update (Lily) – deferred

**14. New Business/ General Updates/ Inquires/ Adjournment**

**15. Next Meeting Feb 24, 2020**