

**Yorkview School Council**  
October 19, 2020 6:30-8:00pm  
**Minutes**

In attendance:

Michelle Rodney, Roland Puppa, Karen Beattie, Brent Clark, Lily Ernst, Rebecca Ganann, Megan Medlock, Hilary Nolan Haupt, Sabrina Press, Majdi Qutob

1. Welcome – Mrs. Rodney & Majdi Qutob (Past Chair)
2. Land Acknowledgment (Majdi)
3. Approval of Agenda & Introductions (All)
4. Review of School Council Roles and By-Laws (Michelle and Majdi)
  - School Council role:
    - i. advise the principal and, where appropriate, school board
    - ii. place students’ interest first
    - iii. support school success planning goals
    - iv. encourage parent and community involvement
    - v. promote positive attitudes towards public education
  - School Council in the Context of COVID-19
    - i. Able to work virtually in the context of COVID-19, had special approval to have first meeting beyond first 30 days of school given current circumstances
    - ii. Can include parents of students who are attending in person, as well as parents of students who have Yorkview as their home school (but attend virtually)
  - Bylaws – shared; parents are asked to review. Bylaws are posted on Yorkview website <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/yorkview/>
    - i. Likely need to be revised in the context of this year (e.g., since we are meeting virtually)
5. School Council Voting
  - Nominations:
    - i. Chair: Hilary Nolan Haupt
    - ii. Co-Chair: Brent Clark
    - iii. Secretary: Rebecca Ganann
    - iv. Treasurer: Megan Medlock
    - v. Fundraising: Sabrina Press; Amy Taylor and Lily Ernst to support
    - vi. Communications: Lily Ernst; Karen Beattie to support
    - vii. Advocacy: Karen Beattie
    - viii. Budget committee: Hilary, Rebecca, Megan, Sabrina
    - ix. Additional voting members: Majdi Qutob
6. YMCA Before and After School Program Update (not present, deferred)
7. Dundas Valley Cooperative Pre-School Update (Brienne’s report, provided by Mrs. Rodney)

- Successfully opened
- 8 enrolled right now with 3 more starting next week
- Have their own Board meeting tonight
- Will join future meetings

## 8. Principal's Updates

- Health and Safety – protocols updated regularly; visitors/volunteers at school are paused for the time being
- Staffing – some new staff. Stephanie McPhail teaching French to Gr. 4/5, meant to teach music, as well. Working on her schedule. Sharon McCullough – prep coverage and 0.2 coverage of Mrs. Fink's class and Melanie Skinner, LRT until Ms. Knott comes back. Athena is cleaning 11am-3pm daily. Helps with spot cleaning, washrooms, classrooms after nutrition break.
- Board going through another re-organization.
  - So far, only 3 additional people have chosen to go from physical to remote. Will find out tomorrow if there are children planning to return to in-person learning from virtual.
  - Re-organization happening this week is based on total re-organization numbers. May impact primary classes, kindergartens, which are lower. Teachers will be informed by 9am Thursday so it will be happening on Wednesday.
- School Annual Plan
  - Continue to work on literacy and numeracy
  - Entire Board is working through new vision re: Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild. Positive culture and well-being.
  - Progress reports for students will be coming out next week.
  - Timing of School Plan will not be aligned with Board Plan. School Plan will be done in January.
- Facilities
  - We have a new PA system, which will be great moving forward. It's also positive that the Board is putting money into the School.
  - Signage throughout the school to cue children re: COVID protocol
  - Ventilation system was checked out – waiting on one part to fix (that does not affect functioning)
- Halloween
  - Received guidelines – parades are not allowed, no assemblies, no parties/sharing of food
  - Continuing with masks and physical distancing
  - Students can choose to wear costumes – need to be clear re: expectations. We are excited that children would wear their costume. That children need to wear a mask as they would with COVID. Children need to be able to wear their costume independently.
  - Mrs. Rodney will send message to all parents re: plans for Halloween.

## 9. School Funding Priorities

- No "teacher wish list items" as a staff meeting has not been held
- No new fundraising but funds unused can be spent

- Currently have \$7,807. Plan to proceed with painting the blacktop, building on work already completed.
- Do not have complete access to these funds until November.
- Question: blacktop was plan initially but is this still a priority/ Would only certain cohorts have access to it given designated areas?
  - i. Last year – took survey of all classes, had drawings set up, nursing students were working on it in the Winter term
  - ii. Don't want to do a big reveal or if only primary phys. Ed. Classes can use it, it's not ideal. May want to do later rather than sooner.
  - iii. New possible target date: Spring – revisit plan between now and then. Should start to explore estimates, plan for painting.
  - iv. Step 1 – get in contact with Faculty lead for nursing students (Moh/Mac program) for an update related to their project planning. Will try to fast track with School Council and then run it by staff.
  - v. Worth reaching out to Bob Avery again to see if we can get approval from him, then go from there. Need to use Board approved vendor. Supervisor is aware of plans – we just need to update him when we are good to go.
- Question re: ongoing fundraisers (e.g., Mabel's Labels ongoing fundraisers) – should be okay since it's all done individually and virtually.
  - i. Can't do pizza/milk
  - ii. Can we do virtual fundraisers (e.g., poinsettias)? – Mrs. Rodney will explore.

#### 10. Teacher update – Roland Puppa

- Teachers thank parents for completing daily screening.
- Some classroom protocols
  - i. Sanitizing before entry/at exit; before/after eating
  - ii. Eating time is most tenuous time
  - iii. Teachers very vigilant about maintaining protocols; children remaining in seats; no sharing of learning tools or items
  - iv. Children wearing masks at all times
  - v. Teachers are masked and shielded (if can't maintain 2m physical distance)
  - vi. Hallways marked with tape
  - vii. Have implemented little pods of 2-3 kids so that kids enter/exit in staggered way
    1. Walk right into classroom with all stuff
    2. Group 1 – goes out to hang stuff on hooks; then Group 2 and so on.
    3. Log when students leave classroom for outdoors/washroom
  - viii. Trying to get kids outside as much as possible; looking for ways to get the children outside. Looking at safety first – thinking about: how can I make lesson safer?
  - ix. If items are shared at all, some items are left “out of play” for couple of days; some items used more frequently are cleaned in between.
- Working on Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild. Curriculum
- Not doing collaborative learning the same way but this has highlighted early identification of some learning issues that may have been less visible in the context of group work.
- DRA – assessments are more challenging, require creativity/plexiglass in place to hear reading/safely be located close to children

- Plan with windows – open all day at present. Question re: plan for moving into bad weather. May require wearing coats/bundling up to keep ventilation circulating. Students need to dress for the weather, including in the classrooms.
  - Question re: rotating outdoor spaces – is this any consideration of rotating outdoor spaces?
11. Advocacy committee – no new issues at this time; role of this committee is to share parent voice, which can be an effective strategy to raise issues at the board level. Need to push agenda for priority issues for small school.
  12. Fundraising – money in bank was collected before fundraising needed to stop
  13. Environmental Stewardship Committee – (deferred)
  14. Communications – Facebook page: Yorkview Public School
  15. Garden areas – looking for volunteers to help with weeding in the gardens and rain garden areas. Looking for volunteers to help get this under control before the snow comes.
    - Request: families come on their own time and do some weeding when they are available.
  16. Next meeting dates:
    - Nov. 16, 2020
    - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (re: School Plan)
    - January 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>
    - May 17<sup>th</sup>
    - June 21<sup>st</sup>