



Yorkview Elementary School Council

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SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020

18:30 – 20:00

MS TEAMS link:

In attendance: Hilary Nolan Haupt, Michelle Rodney, Roland Puppa, Laura Bartkiw (Principal – Central site), Megan Medlock, Suzana Milinovich (VP – Yorkview site), Sabrina Press, Jennifer Hamilton, Reggie Tika, Karen Beattie, Brent Clark, Steve Hill, Amanda Charland, Lily Ernst, Amy Taylor, Brianne St. Louis, Angela Wolstenholme, Mandy Charland

Item	Agenda	Presenter	Notes
1.1	Land Acknowledgement	Hilary	
1.2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	All	Approved: no additions.
2.1	Rain Garden Maintenance Planning	Hilary	<p>Huge thanks to the parent volunteers, including Sabrina, Karen, and other parents who have volunteered recently to work on weeding/maintaining the rain garden. Want to discuss how to sustain the maintenance. Worry about burden on same people.</p> <p>Challenge: had planned community weeding in the Spring but that couldn't happen due to COVID. Hopefully we will be able to organize an event in the future. GreenVenture is committed and keen to supporting maintenance; will have staff come out to help with weeding, engage with community.</p> <p>Discussion: exploring mulch from the City. Was looking toward Spring unless it's a danger due to water/ice and needs to be addressed sooner. If it can wait until Spring, it may be easier to work through logistics and people needed of moving mulch from edge of yard to the rain garden area.</p>
3.1	YMCA	Stacey or Delegate	<p>Mrs. Rodney, on behalf of Stacey:</p> <p>Because of COVID status at present (red zone), no PA day program nor winter break programs will be offered. Programs will be reassessed in the Spring.</p> <p>Clarification re: messaging re: mask wearing for YMCA program.</p> <p>Question: If on field outside and can physically distance, do parents need to mask to align with school protocols. The messages from Mrs. Rodney relate to school hours. After hours, parents should follow the YMCA protocols.</p>
3.2	Dundas Valley Cooperative	Brianne or Delegate	<p>Updates: still running. Re-opened as of Sept. Enrollment is 8/day. Have had funding come from City, which helped to supplement funds due to lost income with decreased number of families due to COVID. Has allowed them to hire someone to help with cleaning/hygiene protocols. City has extended subsidy for families to help with affordable daycare. All drop-offs done outside the school at the front door. Has worked out better than anticipated. Great start to year.</p>
3.3	Principal's Update	Michelle	Mrs. Rodney introduced new Principal and Vice Principal, starting Dec.



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			<p>7th. Ms.Laura Bartkiw will be the Principal at both Central and Yorkview. Suzana Milinovich will be the On-Site Administrator at Yorkview.</p> <p>Ms. Milinovich is very excited to be coming to Yorkview, looking forward to working with the Yorkview community.</p> <p>Ms. Bartkiw expressed feeling pleased to meet the group. Feel a close connection to Yorkview because of shared students together as Yorkview students transition to Central after Yorkview. Her door is open to parents and she looks forward to supporting Ms. Milinovich in her role at Yorkview.</p> <p>Parent questions: Has this model has been used before, anticipated challenges, how Council can support? Model: Principal and VP work as a team. Response: Only challenges – hard to be two places at once, therefore one is always on site. Both bring extensive experience with the Board. Both communities can expect that they will continue to be supported. Want everyone to have positive experience. Between two schools, we will have more administrative support than some single schools (due to enrollment at Yorkview/Central).</p> <p>COVID protocols have been shared on multiple occasions. Admin./staff have seen some relaxing of protocols on side of parents and are sending these messages to reinforce. Those in bubbles at home are not in bubbles at school. Interactions between children and failure to maintain protocols is having a negative impact on staff health and well-being. School is following Board and Public Health protocols and these need to be maintained. Staff have been encouraged to reinforce these messages with parents and address issues as they arise.</p> <p>Staffing – reorganized after last meeting. Did not change any student classes. Yorkview did have one permanent ECE (Chanchal Gupta) come and take over role of Christine Blaskovich (who was on an LTO) in Mrs. Tower’s classroom. A remote teacher (Tara Kostandoff) came and joined us at Yorkview and will teach out of an empty room in the portapack.</p> <p>Mrs. Rodney and the teachers are still working on the School Annual Plan. The teachers are working on student gaps from time period of distanced learning. Staff are also looking at blended learning: How to do it, in case a switch to remote is needed, so that the school is prepared.</p> <p>Facilities – looking further at ventilation system to upgrade to 2020 model from current much older model. Investments in HVAC system are positive in terms of school remaining open. Upgrades to PA system have also been done.</p>
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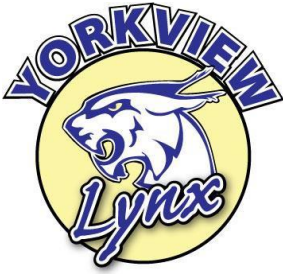
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			<p>Information sharing: done through Mrs. Rodney's updates, the website, and the parent portal. Parents are encouraged to ensure their information is up to date/accurate on the portal. Parents are also encouraged to sign up for updates/push notifications from the Yorkview website.</p> <p>Playground painting: can take place in the Spring. Request can be put in during the Spring through a Board Portal. Mrs. Milinovich can initial request and someone will come out to do the painting.</p>
3.4	Teacher Update	Roland	<p>1. Rain garden The teachers appreciate Saturday weeding/maintenance going on.</p> <p>2. Financial resources through School Council Some staff asked about whether there is the classroom financial allotment available. Some funds carried over/unused last year since they were frozen at the end of the previous school year.</p> <p>Decisions: i) School Council voted, and approved use of funds allocated for classroom literacy (\$2,000 total: \$200/teacher).</p> <p>Mr. Puppa will talk with teachers to discuss further needs and bring back to December meeting.</p> <p>ii) School Council voted and approved discretionary use of \$500 from budget allocation to support addressing student needs.</p> <p>3. Staff health and well-being: Teaching in a pandemic Staff wanted Mr. Puppa to raise issue of teacher's mental health and well-being and ensure that parents are aware that: business is not as usual. Across grade levels, all teachers are feeling impacts/stress of teaching in the context of pandemic.</p> <p>It is critical that parents continue to conduct daily screening and encourage each other to keep doing screening every day.</p> <p>Teachers are hearing about sleepovers happening. When working so hard to cohort each group, it's concerning (e.g., when hearing about multiple families in multiple grades/cohorts). Other examples are when children are outside after school, taking off masks, and grouping together, mixing across groups.</p> <p>Several teachers have had some questions about in class things going on (e.g., questions about DRA, what teaching is happening in classrooms). Teachers are focused primarily on keeping kids safe/healthy, as well as creating opportunities for learning. Trying to keep it interesting and fun, inquiry-based.</p>



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3.5	Fundraising	Sabrina/ Amy/ Lily	<p>Sabrina and Megan have been exploring virtual fundraising options.</p> <p>Some money has come in through Mabel's Labels. It's a small amount but does bring in some funds annually.</p> <p>Suggestions: Majdi suggested using Funscrip for fundraising with gift card purchase. Sabrina will explore.</p> <p>Brianne suggested Boston Pizza does event night. Anyone that orders/is in restaurant at the time, a proportion of their bill goes to your fundraiser. Easy to set up. Preschool had good success with this last year.</p> <p>Mandy suggested a fundraiser used in Peel school board through Dominos. Only need to set it up, communicate code with families, then Dominos cuts school cheque for amount.</p> <p>Fundraising will explore these ideas and bring them back to the group.</p>
3.6	Budget	Megan	*attachment
3.7	Environmental Stewardship	Steve	Deferred
3.8	Communications	Lily/Karen	Deferred
3.9	Advocacy	Karen	Deferred
3.10	Questions	All	

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020