



Yorkview Elementary School Council

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In attendance: Hilary Nolan Haupt, Karen Beattie, Laura Bartkiw, Majdi Qutob, Megan Medlock, Amy Taylor, Sabrina Press, Roland Puppa, Suzana Milinovich, Steve Hill, Lily Ernst, Rebecca Ganann

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 18, 2021
 18:30 – 20:00

Item	Agenda	Notes
1.1	Land Acknowledgement	Hilary read Land Acknowledgement
1.2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Approved
2.1	School Council Allocation and Virtual Learning Support	<p>Food4Kids program is running for families in need. Now that they are not getting the food bags on Fridays, they are getting Metro gift cards. https://www.food4kids.ca/</p> <p>Action item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adult at school with closest relationship with a family can reach out and share information about this program. - School Council can also post reminder about this resource on Facebook page. <p>Resources: Board offers \$200 grant for any student if a student is identified as in need. School will get a budget line for each identified student. https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/foundation/supportingstudents/ Families who are in need can contact Yorkview to access this support.</p> <p>Ontario Government support is also available until Feb. 8th K-Gr. 12. https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/ontario-financial-support-learners/</p> <p>If families have already accessed these programs and still have additional needs, there are further funds available in our compassionate support fund. Principal will work transparently with Council if these needs are identified.</p> <p>Also: Hamilton Best Start Basic Needs Financial Supports Catalogue. https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/files/2012/11/Hamilon-BSN-Basic-Needs-Financial-Supports-Catalogue.pdf</p> <p>Discussion re: use of funds to support virtual school delivery for families New math curriculum has new topics (e.g., including coding). Can look at new items related to new elements of the curriculum. Manipulatives and additional materials could be purchased (not texts or technology). Discussed challenges for kids with sitting in a chair, transitions from active 'recess' or</p>



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		<p>snack to online learning time. Is there a need for fidget toys/calming toys that would help other children? Families may not have materials that are part of 'bin system' or know what they are that may help their kids. Could provide some funds to have teacher and student bin items.</p> <p>Speaking with your specific teacher, they may be able to suggest items, including different household items that could be used as a stop gap (e.g., something of this size or texture).</p> <p>Discussion re: funds available to teachers to support literacy, school improvement Teachers had differing opinions on use of funds and whether funds could be used for an online membership to a site (e.g., Raz kids) versus purchasing literacy items. Can those teachers use the funds in that way? As long as funds support literacy, mathematics, movement/active movement, mental health and wellbeing, and mindfulness, they can be used to support these.</p> <p>Decision: All parents were in support of teachers having autonomy to use funds and use their judgment to support their students.</p> <p>Discussion re: whether funds should have a timeline attached to them (i.e., a designated date by which time funds should be spent) Decision: Needs of school year seem to be changing quickly. While School Council wants to see these funds used, having a deadline does not seem necessary. We want to give the teachers autonomy to use the funds when and as they see fit.</p> <p>Lots of free programs available right now. School recently received a list of resources from the literacy specialist. Learning commons at Yorkview needs to be updated. Learning commons is currently quite outdated and needs to become '21st century learning commons'. It has been weeded out. Need current texts. Need math and coding materials. May want to explore grant opportunities (e.g., through Chapters/Indigo)</p> <p>Discussed Hamilton Public Library's free Grab and Go program that families can access. https://www.hpl.ca/grab-and-go</p> <p>Decided to put off bigger ideas for investment of School Council funds for a subsequent meeting.</p>
2.2	Community Incident	<p>Series of community incidents with one man exposing himself to teenager and women. Laura Bartkiw – if Hamilton Police Services feels that they need to communicate to the community, they will follow their fan out communication strategy. Laura reached out to Hamilton HWDSB Corporate Communications. Communication to the Yorkview community on this matter will come from corporate communications, if appropriate. A parent reported that she had observed an experience two years ago and had reported it to the police.</p>



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3.1	YMCA	Deferred
3.2	Dundas Valley Cooperative	Deferred
3.3	Principal's Update	<p>Suzana wished everyone a happy new year. Acknowledged transition to remote learning. Students are doing a great job. It is important to celebrate the positives in this journey. Students are learning in a variety of environments, and it is important for us to continue being role models using a positive growth mindset.</p> <p>Fundraising update: Fundraising pause is until Jan. 2021 and may likely continue on.</p> <p>Families are encouraged to consider donating to charities if possible.</p> <p>Device deployment. Deployed 30+ devices. A few remain. Close to 80 have gone to students across HWDSB. These devices will return back to Yorkview when return to in school learning happens.</p> <p>New date for School Photos TBD.</p> <p>Feb. 25th, 2021 Transition to Remote/In-person learning model – Portal open until Fri. Jan. 22nd for families who want to transition.</p>
3.4	Teacher Update	<p>Discussion between Roland and Steve re: garden boxes was deferred given all that is going on right now.</p> <p>Teachers appreciate parent support. Students are sharing ideas with each other if materials not available at home (e.g., online roll a die site if no dice in home).</p>
3.5	Fundraising	<p>Committee met to discuss possibilities. Most are not possible right now. One that is possible is Boston Pizza. Person at Boston Pizza was very helpful and said we could get in touch at any time about arranging a fundraiser. We can pursue this in the future, but all School Council fundraising is on hold at this time.</p>
3.6	Budget	Discussed in item 2.1
3.7	Environmental Stewardship	<p>Action item: If anyone has any longer-term visions or initiatives of interest, please get in touch with Steve. Teachers can reach out to Steve to discuss ideas. Suzana can share Steve's contact information in weekly memos with teachers, ensuring sensitivity to wording that ensures that there is no unintended pressure on teachers (per Roland's suggestion).</p>
3.8	Communications	<p>Karen and Lily will coordinate messages on Facebook re: Food4Kids, provincial funding, etc. identified above.</p> <p>Action item: All Council members should see if anyone from Yorkview on their friend list. Also discussed supportive messages for parents. Discussed types of messages to share. Council supported idea of messages in line with School Improvement Plan (e.g., to</p>



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		promote physical activity, wellbeing, support).
3.9	Advocacy	Karen is available to speak with parents who have concerns and potential need for advocacy/action.
3.10	Next Meeting	Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30pm. All parents welcome.