



Yorkview Elementary School Council

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 21, 2021

18:30 – 20:00

In attendance: Suzana Milinovich, Roland Puppa, Hilary Nolan Haupt, Sabrina Press, Megan Medlock, Karen Beattie, Amy Taylor, Rebecca Ganann **Regrets:** Stacey, Brianna, Steve, Brent, Majdi

Item	Agenda	Notes
1.1	Land Acknowledgement (Hilary)	
1.2	Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Approved
2.1	Blacktop Update	Emailed Creative Playgrounds to determine date. Should hear of project start date soon. Thanks to Roland for his input into decisions and ensuring that the space will be useful for the Yorkview student population. Roland has connected with lead from Creative Playgrounds to ensure project success. Total from estimate is just over \$2,000. Moving forward into new academic year with available funds.
3.1	YMCA	Deferred
3.2	Dundas Valley Cooperative	Brianne sent update (reported by Hilary). Last class day was last Thursday. Brianne and her assistant are in this week tidying classroom and preparing for Fall. They will be back in week prior to Labour Day. Coming in at full capacity and a waiting list.
3.3	Principal's Update	<p>Suzana shared pictures that celebrated some of the successes of this year and examples of student engagement.</p> <p>At the Board level, remote classrooms will be offered in a dual track model (virtual attached to home school). Each remote classroom attached to a school community. No remote classrooms/dual model is planned for Yorkview. Exceptional circumstances with requests for virtual school need to be submitted this week.</p> <p>New registrations for anyone moving to neighbourhood will be shared on June 29th.</p> <p>September re-org – next opportunity for families to transition to/from remote Yorkview class assignments will be visible on Parent Portal – Mid-August. This class placement may change if additional provincial or public health measures are mandated for Sept. 2021 start up.</p> <p>Have 5 primary classrooms, 3 junior.</p> <p>Device drop-off, belonging pickup on Monday June 28th between 12-2pm. If families can't make that time, please let the teacher or office know and another time on Monday afternoon or Tuesday could be arranged.</p> <p>Report cards – electronic versions will be sent out on Monday June 28th, paper copy available at device drop off/belonging pick up</p>



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		<p>Sept. 8th is first day of school. Sept. 1 & 2 are PA days – teachers will be in schools.</p> <p>Today is National Indigenous People’s Day. Graphical representation of the Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession by Bruce Beardy, OjiCree artist, was shared.</p> <p>Suzana expressed thanks for School Council’s contributions to the school community through various activities throughout the school year that reflect the standards represented in the visual. Special appreciation was expressed for Megan who has contributed to School Council over many years. Her youngest (Beth) is graduating and will be heading to Dundas Central in the Fall. Council members echoed these thanks. Thanks to Hilary for Chairing this year!</p>
3.4	Teacher Update	<p>Roland also expressed thanks to Megan for her contributions and his appreciation for her family’s contributions to the school and their classrooms. Grade 5 Farewell – acknowledged disappointment that they could not come together as a group (Board directive). Roland will still put together a year-end slide show, diplomas on the table, balloons, etc. to make it special.</p> <p>Roland spoke about the opportunity that this year has presented in terms of conversations about Indigenous Peoples, inclusive communities, pride, building strong teacher-student connections/relationships.</p> <p>Expressed appreciation for School Council and support for teachers and school community. Teachers acknowledged role of parents in supporting kids’ learning online, challenges we all faced this year. “It takes a village” mentality was so important this year.</p>
3.5	Fundraising/Events	<p>Discussed success of virtual event last week. Great speakers. Suggestion was to host virtual engagement events in the upcoming year, with the hope that more families would engage.</p>
3.6	Budget	<p>Budget shared in advance by Megan.</p> <p>Discussed that compassionate care fund is available. Suggestion that grocery gift cards be sent home with families who would have received Food4Kids program. School Council voted to support this.</p>
3.7	Environmental Stewardship	<p>Summer garden management (Steve absent); discussion will be offline.</p>
3.8	Communications/Advocacy	<p>Karen plans to post information on social media about first day of school for parents’ planning.</p>
3.9	Questions	<p>Discussion: Parents recommended that the school communicate classroom assignment with students/parent about classroom and/or teacher assignments prior to the Fall to help address student stresses/anxiety.</p> <p>Discussion: Air quality. Yorkview is getting 16 new air purifiers before the Fall.</p>
4.0	Closing	<p>School Council meeting in September: date TBD. Suzana will communicate this in early September following the Board guidelines.</p>