

ADRIENNE CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
68 QUEENS COLLEGE DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, ON

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2021

7:00PM

Attendees

Nadia Russiello, Ruth Walker-Rosewood, Nika Daei, Jolyn Commisso, Helen Bullingham, Pedram Madahian, Trish Tay, Jenn Ingram, Jane Park, Victoria Kim, Melissa Cheng, Sophia Sun, Hannah Guo, Dragan Stojanovic, Anahita Baregheh, Maryam Rouzbahani, Joanna Leung, Viga Chen, Sally Qiu, Aroon Baksh

REGRETS: Manisha Gandhi, Ying Tomaso

• Principal Welcome (Nadia)

- welcome to first council meeting of 2021
- happy that many can join us tonight
- Nadia's 4th year as Principal and Ruth's 4th year as Vice Principal
- Introduction of each individual, who the kids are and who the teacher's are
- Land Acknowledgment – newly created over the summer, created by Indigenous partners, teachers, students
- role of council to improve student learning and shared accountability
- SC link between parents/principal
- advisory committee to the principal and vice principal
- voice on behalf of all students in the school, what is best for all students
- issues or concerns directed to one child, save the conversations for outside of council meetings – reach out via email/telephone
- this is not the venue for that – collective accountability

• Conclusion of 2020-2021

• June Meeting Minutes Approval (Nika)

- minutes sent out from June
- Helen and Nika approved the minutes

• Past Treasurer Report (Helen)

- quick snapshot of budget from past year

- restrictions of fundraising due to Covid
- budget simple
- working budget Sept 2020: \$13,549.40
- June BBQ Reserve: \$3,370.00
- Net Working Budget: \$10,179.40
- Spent money on balls for outdoor play, barriers: \$2,200.00
- In-Class Supports:
 - 50% Agendas Grade 2-5: \$1,134.00
 - In-Class Technology: \$2,500.00
 - New Basketball Nets: \$2,000.00
 - Grade 8 Grad: \$500.00
 - Virtual Arts Presentations: \$2,500.00
- Total In-Class Supports: \$6,134.50
- Fundraising Totals (Flipgive/Boxed Cards): \$1,762.00
- Starting off the year with Fundraising Budget: \$4,239.00

- **PRO Grant Report (Jane/Victoria)**

- PRO Grant is a parents reaching out Grant
- provided by the provincial government
- \$500 budget (less than in the past)
- Drawing/Expressing (April)
- Zumba (June) – technical difficulties with first class so GoodLife gave us a free class
- used most of \$500 budgeted and submitted the paperwork in June
- we will apply again for this year as well

- **Council Elections**

- no more than 11 voting members, plus principal, vice principal and teacher representative
- need to vote on decisions need half plus one for quorum
- can everyone who shows up at a council meetings be voting members
- there needs to be an election
- at the meeting, input is encouraged but only voting members decide
- parents were sent a form and were asked to indicate what their preferences were for council
- Nadia will send a Google Form in the chat for voting
- each person is asked to speak about their role and why they want to continue/pursue the role

- **Co-Chairs (2)**
 - Nika Daei
- **Treasurer (1 or 2)**
 - Helen Bullingham
 - Dragan Stojanovic
- **Secretary (1 or 2)**
 - Jolyn Commisso
 - Trisha Tay
- **Communications Chair (1)**
 - Erika Golden
- **Pizza Committee Chair (1)**
 - Aroon Baksh
- **BBQ Committee Chair (1)**
 - Hannah Guo
- **Fundraising Chair (1)**
 - Pedram Medahian
- **Programs Chair (1)**
 - Victoria Kim/Jane Park
- **Members at Large**
 - Shandy Harricharrandas, Yan Shi, Jenn Ingram, Anahita Baregheh, Maryam Rouzbahani, Melissa Cheng, Ying Tomaso
- **YRDSB Policy/Procedure Review**
 - share feedback on 2 policies to complete a survey
 - video being played for the policies
 - Trustee from YRDSB
 - Reviewing 2 policies (238 and 262) -Parent Family and Community Engagement and School Council Policy
 - policies available in multiple languages on board new website (on PEAC page)
 - invitation to get involved
 - guideline for policy review
 - review the policy and complete the survey
 - due November 5th, hopefully we can finish this evening and otherwise we can revisit

- Nadia giving 10 min to review policy and then we can look at survey
- we can always revisit at a future meeting
- meeting scheduled for November 1st
- we can provide feedback as a council or as individuals
- Nadia will remind us about the feedback at the November 1st meeting

- **Discussion of Upcoming Dates (Nadia)**

- potential to eliminate May 11, 2022 – tentative in case we are able to have the BBQ, may need that meeting to follow up
- meeting dates are as follows:
 - **Monday, October 4, 2021**
 - **Monday November 1, 2021**
 - **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**
 - **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**
 - **Monday, April 11, 2022**
 - **Tuesday, May 11, 2022**
 - **Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

- **Principal's Report (Nadia)**

- startup went smoothly
- welcome assembly second week (virtually)
- safe & caring schools assembly last week (virtually)
- Covid protocols are in place and are being followed
- first fire drill, hold & secure and lockdown drills took place last week
- sometimes extra drills because confusion between lockdown and hold and secure (lockdown – someone in the building, hold and secure – someone in the community)
- Enrolment – 487, Remote - 38
- looking at possibility of bringing Grade 1s over from Doncrest since we have space
- new staff:
 - Chantel Denis-Persaud (LTO for Karen Drodge – Grade 6)
 - Brent Rudland (Grade 7)
 - Lorrie-Anne Lauder (Grade 2)
 - Beatriz Bernard (Primary Division Prep Coverage/Grade 4 Drama/Dance) - only 2 days/cycle and other 3 days at Michaelle Jean PS
- EQAO: will take place this year, not all information from the ministry has been provided

- **Teacher's Report**

- Ruth acting as teacher rep
- most teachers using hybrid learning model

- some classes don't have any remote learners so not hybrid
- switch to hybrid when switching to covid protocols
- teachers involved in mental health lessons
- helping kids to re-adjust to school community
- helping kids to build relationships with teachers and community
- may have missed out on learning but need to focus on building relationships to help with gaps later
- orange shirt day, more and more participation
- board has resources and teachers have used age-appropriate information
- Nadia will be communicating information to parents on how to have discussions about Orange Shirt Day
- extra-curricular on hold based on board and public health protocols
- kids talking about equity and dismantling anti-black racism, a lot of discussion in Grade 7 and 8 level
- teaching about how to listen to different viewpoints

- **Other Business**

- question about food fundraising, but not at this point

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- **PEAC Newsletter**

- invitation to join this community, flyer will be added to the minutes

