

October 20th, 2021  
Virtual Zoom meeting

Present:

Parents - Rajwant Kaur (parent council for 3 years), Ankit Mittal, Amit Vig, Jothy Thavabalan (has been involved before), Sana Arshad, Rajbavan Rajkumar, Karina K,

School Representatives - [Donna Franklin](#), [Fayza Prebtani](#), [Kevin Merkley](#), [Ethan Andersen](#)

Slides for this meeting were shared in advance with all parent/guardians who RSVP'd for this meeting in advance.

Agenda:

Introductions - Each staff member and school council participant shared their name and their connection to the school.

Land Acknowledgement - Mr. Andersen shared the new land acknowledgement speaking about how this work is ongoing for us as visitors on this land.

School Administrator welcome and update - School staff shared:

- each staff member has received a copy of AntiRacist Baby by Ibrahim X. Kendi and how this text is being used
- how we used videos on our YouTube Channel to welcome parents back and help them understand the protocols that are in place to help keep us all safe
- Orange Shirt day and how we provided a shirt to every student and staff member (Face-to-face and Virtual). Mr. Andersen spoke about how we engaged students in different divisions (Primary, Junior and Intermediate as well as Kindergarten) in the design and spoke about our commitment to this important work and understanding
- We spoke about the protocols in place to keep students safe during the pandemic

Upcoming -

November 2-9th	Parents can book Parent/Teacher Interview in EDSBY
November 10th	School Council Fall Forums
November 9th	Scheduler closes at 8:30 a.m.
November 15th	Reports sent out electronically this week
November 18th	Parent/Teacher Conference
November 19th	Parent/Teacher Conference

We spoke about the importance of downloading the report card as the download is time bound.

The Importance of School Council - School administration spoke about the importance of school council to improve student learning and develop a shared sense of accountability for the public education system. We spoke about how this year considering the last two years and the disruptions, of how important mental health and well-being is in order for us to engage in meaningful learning.

We spoke about the make up of who can be on School Council. We shared that we will follow up with the nomination form, will send descriptions of each role and give participants an opportunity to think about where they would like to contribute, and the time they are able to commit.

It was shared that it would be powerful to have all parents/guardians present for all 4 of our meetings during the year so that we can build community and continue our conversations in support of the school.

School Fundraising Plan - Mr. Merkley reminded the School Council of the importance of being transparent about how Non-Board and School Council (Non-Board) funds are spent, and how we need to have a plan in place for how funds are being spent. We will need to create a plan together and share with our community our plan early in 2022. Mr. Merkley shared how school non-board funds this fall have been spent:

- 450 Orange Shirt Day Shirts for our students/staff
- Dance 'N' Culture Workshop
- 30 Chromebooks

School council has \$3824.77 available from Pizza Lunch sales.

Future Meeting Dates - We established that our 2nd meeting will take place on Wednesday November 24th from 6:30 to 7:30 where we will hold elections for positions on the Council.

School staff stayed to answer questions that individual members had. We adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

The school will follow up with:

1. Minutes of the meeting
2. Description of School Council Roles/Positions
3. School Council Nomination Form