



HENDERSON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Minutes

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School Council Meeting

May 25, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendance - Zahra, Agnes, Roxana, Heather, Saeed

Principal updates (Heather 30 min)

- a) Spirit Wear on sale now
- b) Extra- curricular activities: Volleyball - finished, Basketball happening now, Spoken word: We won the YRDSB championship, Forest of Reading happening now, #KINDness initiatives ongoing until the end of June, FDK- celebration of learning end of June, Primary Play day
- c) Grade 8 Grad- in person this year!
 - i) trip to Wonderland
 - ii) other field trips are staff dependent and OT shortage is making them difficult
- d) Staffing Update
- e) EQAO Gr.3 & 6 (June 9- 17) Data collected will be used to facilitate planning and support.

Council Updates: (45 minutes)

Fundraising (Zahra)

- Pizza fundraising update
- 325 slices x 21 weeks = \$6825

BBQ/ Fair Update - Date June 12

- BBQ/Food: Costco meat, drinks (sold 12:00 2:00) chips and freezies after 2pm
- School Cash Online to post - amount TBD
- fire truck coming, police?, antique car
- GARA running games: free (face painting, city is opening the splash pad, Mayor attending at 1:00, ice cream truck coming, podium/ PA (electrical outlet??)
- Talent show will take about 1-1½ hour and will pause for the mayor's ribbon cutting ceremony
- location: around school
- Permit: \$132.88 (regular \$645.48)
- Stage on J/I field- tbc (extension cord?)
- Contribution to school staff appreciation luncheon announced and encouraged during the community bbq
- Can contribute HAPS glass bottles as raffle items

- Need:
 - MC
 - raffles/silent auction

PRO Grant event: May 19 (Zahra)

- Update
- Complete School Council final report for PRO grant

Teachers Appreciation (Date??)

- Will choose more individual appreciation for this year (a total of 30 individuals including teachers and support staff).
- Sheree to donate movie passes!
- Contribution to school staff appreciation announced and encouraged during the community bbq

Budget Update (Saeed)

- Update
- P ask for \$300 (to support a few children to attend SI)- approved

Next meeting date: September 2022..... (perhaps dinner beforehand?)



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March 29, 2022
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendance - Zahra, Agnes, Heather, Sheree, Sara, Roxana

Principal updates (Heather 30 min)

- f) Yearbook update: Will be using the Board's printshop as the Grade 8 students are enjoying the leadership opportunity of publishing it. (Cost is significantly less expensive)
- g) Looking to purchase Spirit Wear. Update will be shared in our weekly Friday's memo from our principal. Sara will update Heather on different varieties (e.g. shorts? T-shirt? Hoodies?) from her friend to allow for options for purchase.
- h) Teachers are starting to talk amongst themselves regarding sports teams. No board-wide regional competitions are available. Inter-school games are being set up at the moment. Mandates of double vaccination have been removed so students meeting age criteria will be able to participate. Participants in today's meeting suggested to recommend masks and screening for sports practice/competitions.
- i) EQAO Gr.3 & 6 (the week of June 13) Data collected will be used to facilitate planning and support.
- j) Jump Rope for Heart (fundraising) is being planned for the beginning of May (after Ramadan).
- k) COVID updates: masking update. A high percentage of our students are still observed to be wearing their masks.
- l) Reach for the Top- Gr. 8 team.
- m) Spoken Word competition - Grade 7 & 8 - team has reached the final.
- n) Welcome To Kindergarten- virtual (May 12)
- o) Graduation (June 23 @ Shangri-La Banquet Hall (ceremony in one hall, after the ceremony, parents leave and reception for the students)
 - i) Students fundraising (cookie sales, etc.)
 - ii) Decorations, DJ, flowers, Swag bags (\$2500 approx to request, \$1000 in past towards trip)
 - iii) A day trip is planned for the grade 8.
- p) Field trips being planned for other grades?
 - i) Curriculum based trips are now allowed.
 - ii) Scientists in School
 - iii) Virtual Francophone Cultural celebration Gr. 4-8
- q) Music update: Strings/ Ukelele & Orff instruments

- i) Students can play these instruments for year end carnival if needed.

Council Updates: (45 minutes)

Fundraising (Zahra)

- Skating update: \$142 was raised
 - The community has been maintaining the rink.
 - Thank you Zahra, Sheree and Farzaneh.
- Pizza and/or Subway? Zahra will follow up with Parisa re: how she helped with Pizza lunch previously. Roxana shared that we may need to raise the price given the current food price. Simplifying the options may reduce the complexity of planning. Another idea is to consider different options for lunch. Regino's can no longer provide school lunches. Gino (the closest at Bathurst and Steeles) shared that pizza slices can be individually packaged. Details will be shared by Heather.
- BINGO/ Trivia Night: Thanks Sheree for all the organization! (Sheree)

GARA community event on June 26 (Agnes) - See below

- Rhonda shared that they're planning a community event and are looking for volunteers on June 26 (Sunday) in the park.
- connected to the June Fair??
- older kids could assist with events

June Fair/BBQ - Date TBC- June 11 or 12, if not a Wednesday June 15 (Zahra, Agnes, Sara)

- Heather will follow up re: whether we can have the permit for the school on June 11/12. If not, a Wednesday June 15.
- hot dogs/ burgers, snacks, fries
- Games: Potato sacks, cups
- Zoo to You? Other ideas?
- Student/Parent volunteers?
- Invitation to incoming students/families
- Agnes will follow up with Rhonda with updates on our plans

PRO Grant event: May 19 (Zahra)

- Mental Health/ Anti-bullying workshop (virtual event)
- Lorna Blumen: "I've Got YOur Back" (book)
- we received the \$800 towards the speaker
- joining with Crosby Heights

Teachers Appreciation

- Will choose more individual appreciation for this year (a total of 30 individuals including teachers and support staff).
- SARA to connect with colleagues @ Starbucks, chocolate, Sheree to donate movie passes!

Budget Update (Saeed)

- money to spend once Covid is over and more is happening inside and outside of school
- School requests: Graduation funds: \$2500 (Swag bags, hall, DJ, and/or awards)
 - Approved by council members (Zahra, Agnes, Sheree, Roxana)
- Ask is higher this year than previously as students were not able to fundraise this year

Next meeting date: May 25 (Wed) 7pm



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School Council Meeting

January 25, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendance - Zahra, Agnes, Azin, Azita, Maryam, Roxana, Farzaneh, Ms. Zaitlin, Ms. Anthos, Sasan, Saeed, Ms. Taravati

Ms. Taravati- announcement

- The community said Goodbye to our beloved music teacher.

Principal updates (Heather 30 min)

- a) COVID updates (purchase of ventilation units/classroom) , masks for students, etc...
- b) Gifted update: results have not yet been shared with the school . Stage 2 testing is currently on pause until the Covid situation is more stable and can take place in person.
- c) Reach for the Top- Gr. 8 team- Our grade 8 students will be competing against teams of other grade 8 students in the trivia game - “Reach for the Star” game.
- d) Snow Challenges- Students are excited about the snow challenges at school to create a variety of opportunities to play with the snow.
- e) Families have been asking whether we can use money to purchase ventilation units and sinks. Given concerns of inequity, we will not proceed with such.
- f) Cloth masks have been distributed to the students.
- g) Huge difference has been observed with class size while 100 students have chosen to be online.
- h) Darina Leleka will be our new music teacher with a musical and music background. She will be excited to lead the band when it is allowed.

Council Updates: (45 minutes)

Fundraising

- Update on PRO Grant (Zahra)
 - joining with other schools to share the cost
 - Crosby Heights and Yorkhill may join us
- Funds update: Ukelele tuners (purchased and being used)
 - other??
 - purchase of sinks and/or hepa filtration units for each classroom?

- No response provided back as it would be an equity issue and is not necessary

BINGO & Trivia Night (Sheree)

- Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:00 PM
- Virtual
- Silent Auction
- Sheree to host the event

Skating update (Zahra)

- Skating day on Feb. 13
- we can assist in selling hot chocolate

Budget Update (Saeed)

- money to spend once Covid is over and more is happening inside and outside of school

Yearbook Update (Agnes)

- Ms. Cheng approached Ms. D and offered to help with Yearbook
- Pictures were taken before Christmas
- Need to provide instruction on how to use the software

Next meeting date: March 29 @ 7pm



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School Council Meeting

December 2, 2021

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendance - Mrs. Catharine Green, Mme Heather Zaitlin, Agnes H, Zahra H, Roxana, Mary Clyde Anievas, Neda, Saeed, Jaleh Nateghi, Azeeta.

Principal updates (Heather 30 min)

- 2) Gifted updates
 - Gifted classes capped at 25 for grade 4-6 and 27 students for grade 7 and 8.
 - Once the cap has been reached, students will be turned away to the gifted program at a different school. Priorities are determined on a first come first serve basis.
 - This year's screening Nov. 29-Dec. 3
- 3) Fundraising for charities: Terry Fox, Thornhill Church (Cash Online - raised \$600 for the food bank) and Holiday Heroes (through the York Region Police with some gifts collected already including teenage gifts and new clothing).
 - KINDness initiatives - This initiative will be extended over the winter break and culminate beyond the New Year. Our grade 8 students will be creating plans for different divisions in Henderson. The school plan will be shared during the next council meeting. Our school plan is an overall school plan for improvement focusing on mental health. Another area of focus is math and other learning. (School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement - SIPSA)
- 4) De-streaming in high school (video with information for parents)
- 5) Twitter feed to promote @Henderson_ave - Please continue to join us to stay up to date to what is happening within our school.
- 6) Extra- curricular (Intra-curricular) - some small groups are allowed to compete between a few schools until March.
 - volleyball, badminton, basketball to come in January
 - Students who wish to participate will be required to show their proof of vaccination status.
- 7) Covid vaccination:
 - no clinic @ school at the moment, will be updated by York Region Public Health. PCR tests going home in Dec. (more info to come)
- 8) School yard update - contractors started making holes to investigate how to improve the area around the kindergarten areas. Actual improvement will be coming summer 2022.
- 9) Picture Day! Dec. 3 - students will approach the area to be photographed with the mask on.

Photos will be taken standing. One class in the gym at a time to maintain social distance.

Council Updates: (45 minutes)

Fundraising

- Perhaps continue to be cognizant of everyone's financial situation post /during the pandemic and fundraise in smaller amounts. Council can also consider linking fundraising ideas with the school's KINDinitiative.
- Objective: to modernize Primary playground in future
- Budget Update (Saeed) - raised \$285.6 from Fresh From the Farm.
 - Sept 2021 has \$11068.
- Grandview association "Skating Event" volunteers? (Zahra and Agnes)
 - Event: GARA Annual Community Skate Event
 - Date: Sun Feb 13th, 2022
 - Location: Outside ice rink behind Henderson Ave PS
 - Coordinator – Need volunteers to set up and provide hot chocolate (Laura; thermos, table?)
 - All donations from the community are given to Henderson Ave PS
 - Zahra and Agnes will approach Laura to help out
- Donation drive?

Yearbook update (Agnes, working with Ms. Deamude and Ms. Cheng) - Agnes had a hard time connection with students due to privacy regulations but Ms. Deamude helped. Students have volunteered and took pictures of Remembrance day, Halloween, x-county, etc.

- The designer will be teaching Ms.Deamude and someone else to use the online platform.

PRO grant funds -options:

- GetReal (\$800 + tax),
- Paul Davis (\$550+HST, 70min + Q&A, 6:00pm or 8:00pm start time.)
- Inclusion/Anti- Asian workshop- ideas
- E.g. Alyson Schaffer on parenting and mental health, cyber security, anti-racism, physical health, mental health, anti-bullying, financial literacy
- Max from Ministry \$800
- link to school priorities
- Dec. 14 deadline to apply
- application copy to Daila/school
- Council voted on Alyson Shaeffer as #1 preference. Zahra to contact Alyson.

Portable Sink - Sami (a parent) queried the use of a portable sink for the portables. It appears that a portal sink will be around \$3000 for water for each of 3 portables. Will be followed up with further details regarding details and vendors.

Next meeting date: Jan 25/22 (Tues) 7pm



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School Council Meeting
October 14, 2021
7:00 - 9:00pm

- Call to order
- Principal's Introduction
- Roll call

PART 1- LAST YEAR'S WORK:

- 1- Approval of May Minutes (Vote Required) - 10 min
- 2- Approval of Treasurer's Report (Vote Required)- 10 min
- 3- Dissolve 2020-2021 Council

PART 2- NEW COUNCIL

- 1- Review of roles and responsibilities of the council- 5 min
- 2- Election of New Council- 10 min:
 - a. Election of six to 12 members (Zahra, Azita, Roxana, Saeed, Sheree)
 - b. Election of chair or co-chairs (Zahra)
 - c. Election of officers
 - a. treasurer (Saeed)
 - b. secretary (Agnes)
 - c. communications (Sheree)
- 3 - Welcome New Council
- 4 – Discuss Council's Priorities – 10 min
- 5 – Fundraising events and dates- 10 min
 - Fresh from the Farm
 - Halloween
- 6- Establish dates for council meetings- 5 min
- 7- Other items, time-allowing - 10 min
 - School Council Forum (virtual) Nov. 15 6:00- 8:00 PM (link to follow)
- 8- Adjournment

In attendance: Zahra, Heather, Azin, Sheree, Agnes, Sami, Shiva Petersoo, Katy Pirooz, Azita Rakhshan, Saeed Rokh, Roxana Balescu, Farshad Talebi