



**James Robinson School Council Meeting Monday, October 4, 2021
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Google Meet**

In Attendance:

1. Carolyn Lamy - Principal
2. Laura Meffen - Chair
3. Danielle Botha (Iatrou) - Co-Chair
4. Erin Stokes – Secretary
5. Sarah Kennedy – Equity Chair
6. Jeanette McLellan
7. Georgia Dikeos
8. Danielle Cassalha
9. Tara Davies
10. Julie Wong-Lyle – Treasurer
11. Madeline Yee
12. Carolyn Campbell
13. Heather Bramer
14. Tina Bravos
15. Arsalan Siddiqui - Fundraising Chair

Sending Regrets:

Sarah Ali
Soraya Mangal

Meeting Started at 6:35 pm

Business

1. Introductions
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Review and approval of minutes: Georgia approves, Caroline seconds
4. Brief Treasure's report: probably only a change in the money in the playground fund.
5. Review of the Role of School Council
 - a) To improve/contribute to the lives and education of all students, including school culture and mental health (Laura and Danielle: feel free to help me with the wording here)
 - b) Advisory body
 - c) Parents and community as partners in engagement and involvement
 - d) Providing input into board initiatives (stakeholders)
 - e) Encouragement of all to participate

- f) School-wide perspective
 - g) Attend meetings
 - h) Act as a link between community and school
 - Review of different Council positions
6. Council Election:
- Chair (running: Laura Meffin, voted in)
 - Co-Chair (running: Danielle Botha, voted in)
 - Treasurer (volunteered: Julie Wong-Lyle)
 - Secretary (running: Erin Stokes, voted in)
 - Fundraising Chair (volunteered: Arsalan Siddiqui)
 - Equity Coordinator (volunteered: Sarah Kennedy)
 - Communications Coordinator (running: Soraya Mangal)
 - Discussion around what this position is and whether is necessary
 - Communication from Council and go into the Edsby River
 - We will table this for the next meeting in the hopes that Soraya can share her vision
 - Voting Members: Sarah Ali, Soraya Mangal, Tina Bravos, Georgia Dikeos, Heather Bramer, Caroline Campbell, Danielle Cassalha
 - Community Member: Jeanette McLellan
7. Principal's Report
- Safety inspection on the playground was passed
 - Grades K-6 get to visit the playground; wanted as many kids as possible to experience this playground; works well with the cohorts
 - Terry Fox Run: \$1300-\$1500 raised; students ran in cohorts; t-shirts as prizes
 - Orange shirt day: Participated in assemblies (school-based and Board-wide); specific activities geared to each division; stickers and buttons provided to students (thanks Georgia)
 - Gardening Team: outdoor drumming and then a clean-up of the gardens
 - Virtual Curriculum Night: Oct 20th, 5:30 (5:45 start); Parents/Guardians are asked to attend their oldest child's presentation
 - Progress Report conferences: Nov. 18th (evening and after school) and 19th (morning)
 - Edsby River: sharing what it looks like (Heather suggests sending home a physical letter to explain Edsby)
8. After three consecutive absences from Council meetings, a member will be deemed to have "resigned" and will no longer be considered an official member of Council and as such will no longer be eligible to vote but will still be welcomed to council meetings
9. As a Council we agreed that meeting will be on the first Monday of the Month (except January)
- Future meeting dates are provisionally set as: Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 4, May 2, June 6

Future Business:

- A discussion of the Communications Chair's role and Soraya's vision for the position
- Next meeting will focus on Fundraising

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 PM

Next Meeting: Nov. 1