

Julliard School Council

Meeting Notes September 29th, 2021 7:00 PM

In attendance: Linda Taglieri, Kirsten Lee, Nancy Nardi, Laura Snider, Ruchi Patel, Rayhaneh Esmaeilzadeh, Kokila Vishwanath, Hannah Cheng, Marina Saidova, Helen Mann, Beatriz Cuello, Sheri-Lynn Hayward, Sonal Mehra, Svetlana Arkatova.

Welcome:

- We are very excited to welcome the new Vice Principal: Kirsten Lee. Ms. Lee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Julliard PS. She is a mother of three children and is thrilled to be at Julliard PS.
- A warm welcome to all new and return school council members. This is going to be a great year!

Elections:

The following positions were filled through the unanimous votes:

- Chair: Laura Snider
- Co-Chair: Rushi Patel
- Secretary: Svetlana Arkatova and Rayhaneh Esmaeilzadeh
- Treasurer: Rayhaneh Esmaeilzadeh and Laura Snider

Teacher's Report:

- Ms. Nardi and Ms. Biderang will be the teacher advisors this school year;
- A warm welcome to Kokila Vishwanath, our before and after school teacher, she is a community member on the school council as well;
- Great start to the year, a very busy September;
- Overall, students are adjusting very well, they are following the health and safety protocols;
- Masks are required to be on at all times, other than lunch, and outdoor recess if social distancing is possible; many students are wearing masks for the outdoor recess as well;
- Cohorting is proving to be very successful, washroom breaks at different times to avoid large groups;
- Hybrid learning is new for everyone, students and teachers, everyone is learning and adapting;
- Everyone has access to the Google Classroom in case of a switch to online learning;
- September 29th – Terry Fox Walk; donations are still being accepted;

- September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day): there will be activities all throughout the day and the learning will be reinforced and reintegrated throughout the school year;
- September's character trait is **courage**;
- Students participated in Safe and Welcoming Schools Presentations that covered a variety of topics including, but not limited to physical and emotional safety, digital citizenship, ABC's of Mental Health;
- Students have a strong sense of understanding that we all have a role to play when it comes to safe and inclusive school environment.

Administrator's Report:

- School foci continues to be on wellbeing and belonging, and equity and inclusivity;
- Great to see most students return to in-person learning; it has been a tough couple of semesters;
- Out of 518 students, 20 are online;
- We continue the learning on anti-Black racism; making sure that our resources and materials include our students' lived experiences;
- Teachers are still in the process of determining where the students are at academically; students are not where they should be, through no fault of their own;
- To address the gaps in learning, teachers are gaging students' interests to build meaningful activities;
- COVID-19 Procedures: masks are on at all times (other than lunch and outdoor recess where social distancing is possible);
- Daily screening is still in place, no confirmation form needed;
- If a child develops one or more symptoms during the day, they will be sent home. A child can return with a negative test or after 10 days of self-isolation, if they are symptom free;
- Please use the York Region Public Health's screening form for the self-assessment and for a variety of scenarios and appropriate procedures; if unsure, please contact the school, they will advise on what to do;
- Question: *If a family member tests positive, will the school be notified?* Answer: Last year, schools were notified, not sure what the procedure is this year.
- **If you are ever unsure about COVID-19 related safety protocols, please call the school**

Budget:

- Opening balance \$2444.06;

- We used to generate a lot of money through the hot lunch program; since it has been suspended last year, we were unable to access this option;
- Will need to think of fundraising ideas (such as Donation Drives); many restrictions are still in place;
- Linda will reach out to the superintendent regarding the frozen food fundraiser from last year;
- The board conducts an inventory every year; over the summer, 90 computers were taken out of stock (they might be used as loans if a switch to online learning happens in the future);
- Junior/Intermediate classes have 20-30 computers to share; teachers disinfect all technology between uses;
- Primary classes have 10 iPads in each classroom and 10 chromebooks to share between classes;
- While we have fewer computers, there is still enough technology to be shared and used by students;
- Teachers are equipped with cameras, headsets, and SMART Boards (in some classes);
- Graduation - \$20 is set aside for each graduating student, to a total of approximately \$1400 this year;

PRO Grant (Parents Reaching Out)

- We do not have any information yet;
- The money is usually used to promote French presentations; we will need to consider both, virtual and in-person opportunities;

School Council Forum

- Tentative Day is Monday, November 15th, two parents can attend; more information TBA

Future Meetings:

- Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 1st, 2021
- Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 at 7:00 PM

End of notes.