

Parkview Public School Council
Thursday, October 22, 2020
Via Google Meet – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES

1. Land Acknowledgement & Welcome/Introductions – Shelley Anand, Jared Yoshiki, Anoosh Sharif & Flora Ho

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with a Land Acknowledgement. Outgoing Council Chair Anoosh Sharif welcomed voting and non-voting members.

2. Ice Breaker – Shelley Anand & Jared Yoshiki

Principal and Vice Principal Ice Breaker activity to get council members and staff engaged.

3. Overview of Council Roles – Shelley Anand, Jared Yoshiki, Anoosh Sharif & Flora Ho

Council meeting norms and procedures were reviewed including Virtual Etiquette because of the council meetings being moved to an online platform. School council membership related articles were reviewed and voting and non-voting member roles were clarified. School Council Executive members roles were reviewed and explained.

4. Committee Overview/Updates – Anoosh Sharif

Information about the various school council committees was shared and procedure around committee work approval was clarified. Given the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, all committee work in 2020-2021 school year will need to follow Public Health and School Board guidance. New council members were encouraged to join existing committees that include:

- a) **Constitution:** Reviewing & updating the Parkview School Council Constitution as needed
- b) **Well Being:** Promoting well-being initiatives around the school (Subcommittee includes **Environment:** promotes environmental stewardship of Parkview property. In past has organized Earth Day Activities)
- c) **Healthy Living:** promotes healthy eating and active living for all Parkview students (Subcommittee has included **Project Playground:** responsible for overseeing the planning, fundraising and replacement of the Primary

Play Structure. Advocacy by this subcommittee led to the creation of a new playground/play structure by the City of Markham near the school premises in Fall 2020)

- d) **Community Engagement:** responsible for establishing and maintaining healthy relationship between the school and the community (In past has organized events such as Movie Nights)
- e) **Fundraising:** all parent fundraising activities conducted at Parkview Public School and coordinating the volunteers. (Sub- Committees in past has included: **Hot Lunches** organizing Parkview's Hot Lunches Program **BBQ** organize Parkview's Annual Fun Fair BBQ & Volunteers **Grade Eight (8):** assists with coordinating activities for the Grade 8 graduating students, including but not limited to fundraising and graduation dance

Note: There will be no Hot Lunches Program organized this school year.

5. Council Elections – Shelley Anand & Jared Yoshiki

School Council Elections were held and the following were elected as Executive Council members for the 2020-2021 school year:

- **Chair:** Flora Ho
- **Co-Chair:** Ivy Liang
- **Treasurer:** Henna Alvi
- **Secretary:** Vibhuti Mehra

6. School Updates & Divisional Updates – Shelley Anand, Jared Yoshiki & Parkview Staff

COVID-19 Related Health & Safety Updates:

- School is sending out regular reminders to ensure parents and guardians are performing the daily Self-Assessment prior to coming to school. York Region Public Health's COVID-19 fact sheet is also being shared with these reminders. There is also regular attendance follow up and daily tracking of students developing symptoms at school.
- Enhanced cleaning measures have been put in place and are being implemented by the caretaking staff.
- Classroom staff (or students where applicable) are responsible for the cleaning of classroom and program related supplies and materials. Supplies such as pencils, crayons etc. have been ordered and are being individually bagged to avoid sharing of materials.

- The board has evaluated ventilations systems at schools and buildings and implemented the following measures to meet ASHRAE standards for COVID-19:
 - upgraded air filters in buildings and portables with air handling units;
 - increased the amount of fresh air being brought into schools to the maximum before temperature control is compromised;
 - flushing the building two hours before staff and students enter;
 - checking that windows open in buildings and portables without air handling systems.
 - Portable ventilation units with carbon and HEPA filters have been installed as required.
- Signage and posters have been placed in common areas such as hallways to ensure adherence to required physical/social distancing measures.
- Additional safety measures include classroom presentations, daily online reminders, resources, student cohorts and color-coded cohort zones for lunch and recess, cohort fanny packs for safe storage of masks, allocated seating (buses and classes), hand sanitizing/hand washing, washroom logs, restrictions on visitors during school hours, and no lunch drop-off or food delivery.

Divisional Updates:

- Terry Fox Run: We raised \$1,300 from our fundraising efforts this year.
- Orange Shirt Day: Held on September 30th and it was a great learning opportunity regarding Indigenous history and Canada’s residential schooling system.
- Math Up: Teachers are using this online digital math curriculum. It is a phenomenal online resource that has games and visuals to support learning.
- Tech Update: Google Classrooms up and running. All students who need access to technology now have it.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Henna Alvi

At this time, there is about \$30,000 in our account. We have earmarked \$26,000 for previously approved expenses (including \$15,029.69 for the Project Playground fundraising and \$2,500 for tech costs sharing). \$5,500 is current available for use. Council discussed, Henna Alvi motioned to offer \$5,500 for School Wish List (which includes **\$3000** for cohort fanny packs, **\$900** for ukuleles, **\$800** for Math Up and **\$800** for additional art supplies); Bill Bilkas seconded; all in favor, approved.

8. Other items for Discussion / Approval – Shelley Anand, Jared Yoshiki & Parkview Staff

- Based on feedback from a council member, it was agreed that the school administration would talk to the bus company with regards to ensuring good ventilation on buses (for e.g. roll down the windows when the weather permits)
- Fundraising Related:
 - Mabel's Labels fundraiser is currently underway online.
 - Ms. Vikse shared that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held online this year.
 - There was a discussion on exploring if the Chapters evenings (scheduled for November 20, 2020 and June 21, 2021) could also be moved online. Bill Bilkas offered to follow up with Chapters to find out if this was feasible.
 - There was a discussion on exploring the option of setting up an outdoor classroom if funds are available to support this.
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on November 12th and 13th. Interviews will be scheduled via Edsby and parents and teachers will speak over the phone.
- Progress Reports will be distributed online.
- Virtual graduation will be held for 2019-2020 graduates. The event will be pre-recorded and shown on November 18th.

9. Next Council meeting

January 11, 2021

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Recorded by Vibhuti Mehra

These minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a record of motions and discussions.