

PCPS School Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

Present: Abby Marling, Catherine Graham, Shari Elms, Ashley Policelli, Anne Muccilli, John Barlett, Bri Jolly, Nicola Struthers,

Regrets: James, Jess Carlton, Christine Meehan, Emma Sheppard

Meeting commenced: 7:16pm

Bri motioned to accept the minutes from last week, seconded by Catherine.

Student Council – no council is in place at this time. The school is easing back into certain activities, but at this time, there is no student led activities/council.

Land Acknowledgement – led by Jason to open the meeting

Meeting Norms – presented by Shari as a slide to the council

School Council Report presented by Shari

- The Council report will be posted on School Website
- Purpose is to present the board what initiatives were undertaken by the school over the past year, and will be posted under the School Council Section

Principal Report

- Wellness/Calming Room was funded by last year's council. Purpose is to be available for student who may not want to be outdoors at recess and provide a calm environment for yoga, reading, etc. Currently the room is being utilized by staff to work with students who require a space to regroup and work on calming techniques with the support worker to be able to return to the classroom.
- Board Games have been distributed to various classrooms for rainy day/unstructured time activities and have been very successful. Games are cycled through the classrooms, disinfected/quarantined over a weekend and then moved to the next classroom. Jason is keeping his ear to the ground for any other games that may be requested. Staff is noticing that kids are struggling to interact in the larger outdoor areas, but when they are playing the board games they are following set rules and connecting better
- Active School travel – teachers asked students yesterday about how students were travelling to school.
- Red Curbs / No Parking – Shari to send an update to the community regarding no parking/no stopping zones
- Morning Snack Program – handing out snack in the morning at entry, snack bins are still available. Will be looking at the program to see if more breakfast type items can be
- Meet the teacher – done virtually by each teacher
- Virtual Field Trip – Virtual field trips will be held and working hopefully towards in person field trips when the climate allows

- Parent/Teacher Interviews Nov 18/19. Progress reports will come up the week of the 17th. Sign up will be through Edsby. It will be a Thursday evening or a Friday morning
- Pre-Reviews – Many schools have community classed for specialized needs, and pre-reviews talk about reviewing the needs of the students of those classes at the beginning of the year or students in a traditional classroom who might need to be in a community class. These reviews have been completed, and the goal is to be ahead of the curve to address the needs of our students. Our community class is a very much a part of our school community
- Terry Fox event – it was a fantastic day, a bit of drizzle, but music was playing, students walked either around the building or the tarmac. The main focus this year was community and educating, not fundraising.

Teacher Report

- Ashley commented on how well received the wellness/calming room is

Financial Report

- Please ensure that Nicola is kept in the loop on any financial transactions so that the reporting can be kept up to date
- Closing out at \$12,316.00 excluding holdbacks

Fundraising

- A video was presented on the fund-raising activities that will be made available as a link in an upcoming newsletter. The video shares the different fundraising opportunities that are viable in the pandemic/post pandemic climate since hot lunches and the traditional style of fundraising are not possible right now
- Makerspace is part of the learning commons, and Mr. Schnalzer is the teacher/librarian this year. His focus is to reintroduce the students into the space and the new features available such as the 3D printer in addition to the books, Lego wall and the coding technology.
- Proposing to set a goal of \$3,000.00 to raise funds to support the growth of the school. The motion was approved by Nicola and seconded by Catherine
- Newsletter – adding a quick survey on the bottom to get the engagement. If the parents answer the question on the bottom on the newsletter, the students are entered into a draw to get a prize.
- Virtual Field Trips – last meeting John prepared a presentation of the various virtual trips that were available. Abby is proposing council support \$125/class to support virtual trips. Looking at 14 classrooms including the community classrooms. Potentially looking at a Music Class and French Immersion Class (Montreal Symphony). Pricing varies from free to \$100 plus tax. Motion approved by Nicola and seconded by Catherine.

Motion to adjourn approved by Nicola and seconded by Abby

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm