



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes
ZOOM Meeting Video conference
May 12-2021
7:00-8:08pm

Attendance-Sera Weiss, Judy Sandiford, Kerry Grossinger, Janine Reiley, Jodie MacDearmid, Claudia Velocci, Kim Davies. Cheryl Bacon, Brendt Wonch, Sandy Kennedy, Elena Gomar

Welcome by Sera at 7:04

Kerry Grossinger- Thanked the co-chairs and everybody who supports the school council, she thanked to Nikki and Judy for connecting with families. Kerry expressed appreciation to everyone for attending and participate somehow in the school council, especially in the current circumstances.

Sera moved to approve the meeting agenda; Claudia, Sandy and Elena seconded the motion.

New Business

Fundraising Update

Claudia- All fundraisers are slow because of the COVID situation.

Janine- Shared about Fundsript- We had 117 purchases

-we will not send a fundraising letter to families to participate in due to current situation

-however the letter will be sent earlier in the school year in case we are back to normal. Mid-September would be ideal to have the letter ready and start to promote this fundraiser.

School Update:

X Movement

-Reflected about previous discussion -Not much attendance in the event because of timing and the Pandemic.

-X Movement acknowledged a disconnect between promotion of the event as well as in the delivery. Better planning next session to get people moving and make a reflection, and connect to mental health.

-They offered to come back but in a different event. They recommend 6 sessions /30 minutes each. Each class will participate in a google meet in school time. The kids can invite their parents to hear that concept and participate together.

- they will not be charging for this
- There will be a PRO Grant report completed by the end of June.
- Sandy liked the idea and wanted to know if it fit the criteria for the PRO Grant – it does, it was a mistake made by the company based on the delivery of the program, and they are fixing it with offering student sessions

Sera- Break of monotony to offer kids and teachers from here to end of June. It will be at the classroom

Next session X- movement on June 14th.

Welcome to kindergarten

Kerry: 20 year 1 students registered so far, 2 SK registered so far. Due to Pandemic and travel restrictions there is a decline in enrollment due to less immigration.

- Kindergarten Information Session and Discover Kindergarten Virtual Session - May 26 at 4:00pm
- Slideshows for new student families with introduction to Kindergarten. Presentation of school council and after care
- Breakout rooms teachers will run Kindergarten type activities with parents, students and teachers.
- EVS families included Janine will be representing council at the session as she will be attending with her child.
- All new JK and SK families being invited – including current JK EVS families
- Sending weekly emails to engage new kindergarten families and help to prepare students with simple activities (write their names etc.)

Graduation

- Kerry explained:
- Graduation is being planned and will take place virtually; anything in person will be determined by the board and public health guidelines when we know what will happen with the lock down
- due to tech. restraints we will not be able to do zoom format where families will be invited to watch
- Planning a slide show –baby pictures (as part of tradition)
- Grad bag and give away with a water bottle, t-shirt and lawn signs and a treat – thank you to parents who have volunteered to help prep the bags, more info will be share as it becomes available about details
- Each school is doing they own thing. No amazon. Board approved. Spirit wear- The more you buy, the cheaper it becomes. \$12.00
- we are not charging families for grad this year – proposed amount of \$1000 to be provided from council to sponsor grad bag and future activities that may be planned

Claudia asked about a dinner idea

-tech. won't permit watching at same time so doing grad bag instead

-Between \$1000 from council and school budget, cost of grad will be covered –includes grad bag, lawn signs and awards

-Sandy- 10 families made their own signs in Newmarket. Be inclusive to everyone

The more we can do from school community, the better to include everyone.

-Kerry sent email to grade 8 specific items.

Kerry- Unified information and avoid duplicates and overlap with parents about grad prep.

Invite grade 8 families to help with putting together grad bags, everyone work together.

Claudia- how much money is going to be allocated for grad? - In previous meeting \$1000 was allocated from council. Would that same amount be allocated now?

-\$1000 allocation will support the purchase of bags/tissue, 3.70 sugar cookie, lawn signs range from \$4-11, t-shirt approx.. \$15

-Council approved allocating \$1000

Sandy- To contact a parent in the community who works for Hallmark to see if they can help sponsor items

Jodie- had some contacts to help with bags and other items if needed

-Kids design their own character and using that in the slideshow – teachers planning.

Sera-

\$1,000.00 generated funds

School pick up the rest.

Equitable and inclusive.

Grade 8 total of 32 kids graduating

-Suggestion - If restrictions are opened we change 25 allowed 2 groups, grad outside

-Wait until the restrictions are changed and we can have something secure.

Wonch - 32 kids- Share to have one single group at the same place and time, only separated enough from each other.

School Model for next September –hybrid –explained what we know

Kerry- Shared about the upcoming model changed, that will be Hybrid model. Public Health requirements to implement.

-parents provided feedback, want kids in home school, model change allows all kids to return to home school, teachers will teach synchronously in person and virtual, don't know details, parents will be given choice in August, more information to be shared

-Provincial Funded Allocations will be restricted. Board evaluated the accessibility of families to switch between options. Families still will have the option to switch in both modalities. In some situations it may work out there are full class face to face and full virtual; too early to tell, more information is coming

Sera asked - Is there anything we can do as a council to support the teachers?

Kerry- We don't know for sure. We need to wait until plan is rolled out from the Board and input from Public health gives changes. We don't know how is going to work. Our board is working to figure out the side of technology. The board will communicate with the families once they know for sure information.

Rodney- Budget same as last time

- We have rolled out some milk purchases so we will wait until we know for sure if we can continue or not.

Kerry- Acknowledged the great support of Judy and Nikki in school council and in general with all school matters. All staff have been amazing and working as a team to support each other and students and their families

Sera- 8:08 motioned to adjourn meeting

Claudia and Janine supported the motion.