

Robert Munsch Public School Council

Call to Order

A meeting of Robert Munsch Public School Council was held virtually on **December 10, 2020**.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendees

- Mrs. Jennifer Burt - Principal
- Mrs. Jennifer Birtles - Teacher Representative
- Alyse Cullen - Co-Chair
- Courtney MacKinnon - Co-Chair
- Stephanie Gauthier - Secretary
- Ashley Valentini - Voting member
- Olivia Turley, Kristin Holmes

Land Acknowledgement, Norms & Welcome

- Mrs. Burt read the land acknowledgement

Review of October minutes

Administration Update

- Fire drill and lockdown drill implemented with the covid protocols in place. More about safety than speed, but still go through the routine. Both were successful.
- Spirit Day - November 30th (fun hat and hair day).
- Successful toy/food drive donated to Holiday Heroes. Large donation plus
- Dance Club - Grade 2 teacher Ms. Taxa running this by cohort and practicing physical distancing.
- Equity & Indigenous Education designates have been selected for this 2020/2021 school year. Indigenous Education designate is a new role this year. Team of five staff will be meeting with Mrs. Burt to plan professional learning for staff in January with a focus on social identity.
- Health & Safety visit took place on December 3rd. Went well - only notes were in regards to some posters that needed to be put back up
- Fire Inspection - paper on the doors (most related to Covid protocols).
- New Inclement Weather procedure. ***NEW this year - when inclement weather day is called, schools will be closed to students. Staff can work from home or school. Mrs. Burt will always be there as well. Staff will be providing asynchronous learning for students.
- Question raised regarding busing being cancelled - does this count as an inclement weather day? Mrs. Burt confirmed that this would be the case. No school for students if this happens.
- Virtual Learning - if this occurs, it will be in a very short time frame. Schools/staff/families want to be ready for learning from home if and when this

occurs. New expectations in regards to virtual learning. Grade 1-3: 225 minutes synchronous learning. Kindergarten: 180 minutes synchronous learning per day.

- At school - teachers have been spending time with students showing them how to access Google Classroom to help facilitate this online learning
- December Staff Meeting: Diane Craven from the math team led a math walk. Led along with the outdoor education lead teacher. Combination of outdoor learning and math. Great staff learning.
- Gifted screening has been completed.
- December cards/gifts for classmates. Mrs. Burt sent out an email to families today (December 10th) to let families know that this can not occur this year because of Covid protocols.
- Question regards to gifts for teachers - administrators have discussed this and have encouraged families to share small gifts that are easily sanitized.

Admin School Improvement Plan Report

- Mrs. Burt shared updates in regards to staff and school actions that correlate with the school improvement plan

1. Well-Being:

2. Equity:

- #### **3. Math:** outdoor math walk, upcoming PD in January. School purchased two licenses for the "math up" program. Several teachers tried this program and had very positive things to say

Financial Report

- Funds: \$4985.85
- Lunch: \$10 604.
- YRDSB will be paying for the license for the online PM reading program. School will not have to purchase this.

Fundraising

- Ensure families know that the fundraisers can be sent to other family members (not just school families). All fundraising has seen a spike when emails go home to families. We will try to send home more information to see if we can get more
- Mabels Labels - \$54.85 received so far. \$117.82 is still coming.
- Fundscrip - 21 people have ordered. \$166.38 profit for the school so far. Minimum amount to cash in is \$25.00. Can request this at any time.
- Spirit Wear - Jack Watson Sports (being used by MAPS). Jennifer Birtles mentioned another option out of Aurora - The Embroidery Council (235 Industrial Parkway South, Unit 15, Aurora, ON L4G 3V5 (905) 726-4046

Administrative Outdoor Yard Update

- Mrs. Burt shared the drawings of the proposed outdoor improvements. Met with plant services to review the proposal.
- Suggestions: outdoor rainbow curb (painted on front pavement - facing the street), raised planters (made of material other than wood), grasses/no mow area, two more benches added,

- Basketball net was not approved in the proposed location. No longer allowed to attach nets to the school building. May not get a basketball net.
- Half tires. Never seen in YRDSB school. May need a bit more information gathering to get this approved.
- circle of stumps of various heights for seating, balancing on.
- Moveable stage - no longer moveable. Suggestion by plant services to put in a permanent decking or something else along those lines.
- Medicine garden suggested (e.g. sage, cedar, tobacco, sweetgrass) and including lessons/learning while the planting happens as well as after the planting occurs. Links well to the grade 3 curriculum.
- Land acknowledgement to occur before any digging occurs.
- Tanya Murray - will look into getting trees at a lower cost.
- Grants for trees/greenspaces? Will help for us to purchase more at a lower cost.
- Mrs. Birtles suggested willow trees that you can train to grow in a certain way to provide nooks and crannies for the kids to crawl through and climb etc.

Other Business/Wrap Up

- Questions:
- Regarding technology distribution if we move to virtual learning. New shipment of 40 chromebooks have not arrived yet. Robert Munsch does not currently have enough chromebooks to provide tech to every household. Should be a much faster turnaround to get tech to families than in the Spring.
- Gifted screening - how are results shared? Results are shared with families of students who will move on to the next stage (meet with the psychologist for the second round of testing). Parents will have the option to opt in or out of this. This year families were given an option to participate in gifted testing for the first time. Virtual school students were able to come into school to write the testing as well.
- Virtual Learning - what will the lesson planning look like for staff? Staff meeting - staff spent time planning for how this will look. How will they create a virtual learning community? Teaching them how to use virtual learning tools e.g. how to mute your mic, how to raise your hand, use comments section, etc.

Next meeting will be held in February

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Gauthier

Approved on: