

Robert Munsch Public School Council

Call to Order

A meeting of Robert Munsch Public School Council was held virtually on **October 29, 2020**.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Attendees

- Mrs. Jennifer Burt - Principal
- Mrs. Jackie Bellamy - Teacher Representative
- Alyse Cullen - Co-Chair
- Courtney MacKinnon - Co-Chair
- Stephanie Gauthier - Secretary
- Ashley Valentini - Voting member

Land Acknowledgement, Norms & Welcome

- Mrs. Burt read the land acknowledgement
- Mrs. Burt reviewed the norms for the parent council

Covid Report

- Mrs. Burt reviewed the current Covid report for RMPS.
- Fire Drills - extra parameters put in place. Getting out of the building safely while physically distanced (not worried about speed). Furthest class from the exit leaves the school first.
- Lockdowns will be discussed in a few weeks with students. They will not be practiced in the same way as a drill because of Covid restrictions. Students will not cluster together, and will practice drill sitting at their desks.
- Dismissal routines discussed. Reminders about masks and remaining physically distanced while on school property.
- New materials for staff. Options for goggles instead of face shields. This will be optional for staff to order. Also clear masks to support students who are hard of hearing (so that they can read lips of teacher)
- Mrs. Burt is continuing to communicate with public health daily with reports.
** question regarding number of students/staff sick per day. Numbers have gone down to about 12-14 students per day.
** Question regarding communication of mask wearing for families during drop-off or pick-up. Will be included in the email as well as the "Munsch on this" document.

Administration General Report

- RMPS students' celebrated Orange Shirt Day on September 30th.
- Spirit Day was celebrated on October 15th
- Meet the Staff virtual evening was held on October 22nd.
- Black & Orange day celebration will be held on October 30th. Music will be played over the intercom from 2:00-2:30 pm. Costumes will not be worn by students.

- Fire Inspection will be held October 30th. Will be investigating the concern of hand sanitizer being flammable. Only one bottle per classroom is allowed.
- Parent-educator interviews will be held on November 12th (evening) and 13th (day). Reports will be going home on the 19th.
- Edsby opens up at 9:30 am for sign up (interviews)
- November 30th - Spirit Day (Fun hat/hair day). Will be combined with a toy/food drive. Parent has volunteered to bring in his trailer on the 30th. Students will decorate the trailer with posters. Families can place donations directly into the trailer to avoid contamination. Donations will be able to be made in the morning, during the middle of the day (if staffed/volunteers) and at the end of day.
 - Collection bins can be placed by Kiss & Ride, by the bunker (for bus students), and then the trailer.
 - Officer Mo (community resource officer) - Mrs. Burt will contact her to see if they want to be involved in the toy/food drive.
- Gifted Screening - will be held between Nov 24th - Dec 8th. EVS students will be taking the gifted testing at Robert Munsch. Dates and details to follow.
- All FDK classes are sitting at 18 students. There are now 20 homerooms (last year there were 16).

Admin School Improvement Report

- Mrs. Burt reviewed the school improvement report.
- Actions: weekly outdoor activity posted to staff memo, DPA connected to spirit days, zones of regulation teaching, staff well-being focus for portion of staff meeting, social committee with recognition for staff.
- Actions: recognition announcements and in-class activities, weekly equity offerings to staff.
- Actions: professional learning about learning goals, success criteria, descriptive feedback connected to curriculum, weekly outdoor and equity lesson suggestions connected to math curriculum, Math Up curriculum - online resource for teacher (2 licenses purchased with school budget)
- School Ground Greening. Mrs. Burt spoke to the classes and students
- Tanya Murray (outdoor Ed.) and Andrew McConnell (indigenous Ed.) supporting the implementation of the school ground greening.
- Likes: outdoor classroom, pavement, the hill, nature/garden on West side.
- How do you use it?: field games, races, hill and pavement games, story telling, buddy bench
- How would you like to use it?: field games (i.e. soccer), swing on something, slide, quiet areas, obstacle courses, hide and seek.
- What can we add?: garden, trees, hiding spots, basketball net/court
- Information gathering will be used to move forward with yard improvement plans.

Bylaw Vote

- Alyse reviewed the Parent Council By-law document
- Email circulated to families with Parent Council By-laws for feedback
- Vote taken with all members attending.
- Passed Unanimously

Financial Report

- Funds: \$4918.50
- Lunch: \$10,269.96
- Reconciliation from 2019/2020 - moved from funds paid by the school for the lunch program.
- Technology purchases for staff to come out of the funds amount
- Snack Program: Mrs. Burt donated the snack program items. Moving forward, the snack program is supplied by donations. Leftovers from the program are donated to the local food bank.

Fundraising

- [Mabel's Labels](#) - Tiffani Jacobs suggested labels as a fundraiser for the school.
- Spirit Wear (water bottles, RMPS gear). Stephanie will look into contact for spirit wear from Morning Glory P.S.
- Courtney suggested the cookie/muffin batter as a fundraiser. For a small fee (2%) they will package up the orders per family. Question posed: how do we deal with pick up? Will orders be sent directly to families? Can we have items delivered and then distributed to families from the front of the school? (no parents can enter the school to pick up items). Former profit from this fundraiser was \$2000.
- [Fundscript](#) - fundraising option. Families purchase gift cards online (Canadian Tire, grocery stores, etc). Ashley will look into this option and email the group. Goal would be to get it going by the third week of November.
- [Plantables](#) - fundraising option. Seed starter kits. All online and contactless. Alyse will research this as an option for the spring. Free shipping over \$45.00. 10% of every order goes towards the school.
- *Fundraising goal*: Raise funds for the yard improvements. Vote on this fundraising goal went to the group. Passed unanimously.
- Ideas suggested for the yard improvements: slide built into the hill, outdoor classroom (pergola/shade), log benches/tree stump seating, hollowed out logs for kids to climb through, outdoor grasses, groves of trees (ie. 6 trees together attached to outdoor classroom), different surfaces (obstacle courses), having the yard split into themes (e.g. grasslands area, forest area, garden area). Keeping spaces multifunctional is key.

Other Business/Wrap Up

- Chromebooks given out to students during quarantine. 25-30 have been returned to the school and have been given them out to the classrooms. Grade 2 and 3 classes have 8 devices per class. Grade 1 and FDK classes have 5-6 iPads per class.
- Inventory of technology at upcoming staff meeting
- Next meeting will be held on December 10th, 2020 (virtual)

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Gauthier

Approved on: