



Robert Munsch Public School Council

Call to Order

A meeting of Robert Munsch Public School Council was held virtually on September 24, 2020.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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
- Stephanie Bloye
- Amelia Tomlinson

Land Acknowledgment and welcome

- Mrs. Burt read the land acknowledgment, and everyone online introduced themselves.
- Mrs. Burt reviewed the guidelines and expectations of a school council.

Council Elections

- Alyse Cullen and Courtney MacKinnon will continue their roles as Co-chairs.
- Stephanie Gauthier will be Secretary.
- Mrs. Burt will bring the financial account statements to each meeting.
- Voting Members are
 - Alyse Cullen
 - Courtney MacKinnon
 - Stephanie Gauthier

- Ashley Valentini
- Non-voting members
 - Jennifer Burt
 - Jackie Bellamy
- If parents/guardians were unable to join this meeting, we will table the option to add additional voting members at the next meeting.

Admin Report – Jennifer Burt

- Mrs. Burt provided an overview of COVID protocols.
- Three additional classrooms were added, two the week before school started, which resulted in lower class sizes.
 - JK/SK – 17-18 kids per class
 - Gr 1-2 – 15 kids
 - Gr 3 – 14 kids
- Enrollment – 15% chose Elementary Virtual School (EVS), 85% in class (328 in class, 72 EVS).
 - Average across board 33% EVS – that is why we received the extra 2 classes.
- Yard is sectioned off into recess co-horts – 3 classes per section, approximately 50 students per co-hort.
- Sanitizing routines, washroom routines – cleaned after recess.
- Heightened protocols of high touch surfaces and class materials.
- 2 new caretaking staff.
 - Responsible for cleaning high touch surfaces twice per day.
 - All carpets removed.
- Review of process for symptomatic students and staff protocols.
- Public health nurse came in to review last week and was happy with their protocols.
- By 10:30 am everyday Mrs. Burt must report school attendance to the Ministry.
- Parents can check YRDSB site by school to see which, if any, have a positive case.
- Ms. Burt doing virtual presentations to classes on startup activities (Bus, CSS, yard reminders, recess games, dot day).

- Child and Youth Worker – Nicole Gaudet has created circuits for recess to provide options for students for things to do.
- School Assistants – They have lots – more than enough.
- Halloween – no sharing food/treats, common daily physical activity (DPA) Oct. 30th, wear black/orange.
- Fire/Lockdown/Hold and Secure drills – had one fire drill last week that went well but the rest of the drills are on hold right now.
- School Photos on hold.
- Spirit days – Orange Shirt Day – September 30th
 - Future spirit days will be around the end of the month.
 - Discussed at lead team monthly meetings (Jackie-Technology, Jocelyn- outdoor/math, Tiffany – kindergarten, few other teachers/DECE’s) try to be inclusive and low/no cost.
 - 2 Classes will take on each month, create kindness message for the announcements and will get to choose music to play in the morning.
 - No food donations this year.
 - Will tie into DPA – no assemblies right now.
- New math curriculum
 - 5 strands – social emotional learning, number, algebra (coding), data, spatial sense, financial literacy.
 - 1 grade on the report card and combined comments for each of the strands.
 - One of the PA days in September used to review, lots of resources.
 - Also suggested timing on how to address expectations throughout the year, guidelines on long range plans – this way there is continuity for EVS and in class students.
 - Working through comprehensive math program, three sections (learners, learning and the environment) at the last staff meeting they really spent time on the learner’s section.
- Strategic Multi-year plan
 - Connects to School Improvement Goals (see below).
 - “Caught you being kind” announcements read every morning.
 - Size of the problem to help student frame problems realistically.

Guiding Our Work

2019-2020 SIP Goals

1-Build safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments where community members, students and staff feel they matter and belong. (well-being)

How do our students see themselves in our school? On our walls? Resources - are they accessible/used?

Action: DVPA (students/staff), outdoor learning, kindness theme, calming (size of the problem, breathing, zones).

2- BUILD a collective understanding of:

- The ongoing impact of colonialism on Indigenous Communities

- Anti-oppression, and

- Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy (CRRP). (Equity and Inclusive Schools)

Do we understand our own bias/lens? How do we bring awareness to recognize cultural events?

Action: Recognition announcements, ongoing PL

3- PROVIDE comprehensive math programs that reflect students' identities, lived experiences, needs and interests.(math)

What resources are needed to implement our new curriculum? How are we providing ongoing/timely/descriptive feedback in math? Back to basics: success criteria, learning goals, small group instruction, descriptive feedback

Action: implementation of new curriculum, small groups, focus on numeracy, back to basics

Questions

What is the school doing with technology this year?

- Technology is being used; they have special wipes to use on them for cleaning.
- Different kind of cleaning wipes for materials.
- Teachers are responsible for cleaning materials and technology.

Are there protocols for students with symptoms, how are you going to ensure kids are staying home for required time?

- Messaging has been different. Public Health has indicated what to do if your child has symptoms, Board doesn't necessarily align. Updates are being made.
- The Public Health nurse said last week that if children have symptoms, they go to the health room, class desk and materials they are using are cleaned by caretaking staff. Materials are bagged. Guardian picks up student, Mrs. Burt lets them know they need to be tested or call physician.
- No one must prove they called dr. or got a test.
- Expectation is that students are symptom free for 24 hours before they return.
- Case dependent though (i.e. some kids have nervous tummies, they will always have that).
- In terms of tracking, in the office, they have two different sign in/outs, one for students which also records the reason for leaving, the other is for external adults (i.e. daycare, maintenance).
- Close contact is 10 minutes beside a person without a mask on.

Are all class gifts discouraged (i.e. pencil crayons)?

- Yes, there is no sharing of any items.

Fundraising

- Fundraising balance is currently \$4,931.00
- Lunch program balance is \$10,269.96
- TOTAL is \$15,187.46
- This is due to the shut down in the last school year that prevented Council from spending the money raised through fundraising and lunch programs.
- There are no pizza or milk programs right now.
- Expenses – apparently Mrs. Burt understands from the Board that all chrome books leant out to students in the school will be coming back to the school at no charge.
- Mrs. Burt brought forward the need for HDMI cords (6) and projector bulbs (6) due to additional technology use, which would cost \$1,179.72 including tax.
- Mrs. Burt suggested trees for the yard to provide shade or structural items.
- Ashley suggested additional large rocks for another outdoor classroom further into the field.
- Mrs. Burt indicated that it was hard for teachers to have a wish list right now due to current restrictions on classroom items.

Action Item

- Bring fundraising ideas to the next meeting to bring in revenue.
- Bring fundraising expense ideas (i.e. outdoor classroom, trees etc.).

Motion to provide \$1,179.72 for HDMI cords (6) and projector bulbs (6).

Motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Council Meeting Schedule

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. For the foreseeable future, meetings will be held virtually. Mrs. Burt will send an email to the school community one week prior to the scheduled meeting containing the link, agenda, minutes and any other applicable documentation.

- October 29, 2020
- December 10, 2020
- February 11, 2021

- April 29, 2021
- June 10, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Minutes recorded by Alyse Cullen

Approved on: