

**Silver Pines Public School
Virtual School Council Meeting
Monday, February 1st, 2021
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Attendees - Shauna Small, Jeff Laughlin, Melanie Teitelman, Shauna Rezka, Raquel Sharon, Jennifer Caine, Chris Panagopoulos, Sima Pouresmaiel, Larina Lu, Valeria Baklanov, Mahmoud EIMeligui, Mahmoud, Alireza

Regrets - David Toffelmire, Nazanin Mahmoudian

School Council Representatives for the 2020-2021 School Year

Principal/Vice-Principal - Jeff Laughlin and Shauna Small
Chair - Melanie Teitelman
Treasurer - Nazanin Mahmoudian
Secretary - Shauna Rezka
Parent Rep - Chris Panagopoulos, Jennifer Caine
School Staff Reps - Raquel Sharon and Dave Toffelmire

Meeting Minutes

Review of Norms

- Begin and end on time
- Attentive listening
- Mutual respect of perspectives
- Only items on agenda unless time allows

Review of October Meeting Minutes - Melanie Teitelman (Chair)

- *Melanie reviewed minutes from last meeting*
 - Fundraising plan

Treasurer's Report

- Nil

Deferred Items

- Nil

Admin Report

- Pro-Grant - Paul Davis and online cyber-safety guest speaker (one presentation for the students and one for parents - \$940)
 - Parents will have to pre-register for access to Paul Davis presentation
 - Majority voted for the school council to cover the cost of Paul Davis presentation
 - SPPS to ask Paul Davis if there can be a possible platform switch for more parents to have access if needed?
- Survey going out to see if parents need support on Google Classroom
 - Parents need help with how to submit work in GC
 - SPPS is reaching out to parents to see who needs help with virtual learning
 - Older children seem to be okay on GC; younger children need to learn the tech and platform
 - Next We Cafe, admin offered to do a How-To GC tutorial for interested parents
- Student Ambassadors
 - Liaisons between admin and classrooms
 - Admin gets feedback about what the students are needing to be successful in their learning spaces
 - Intermediates want to teach younger students about mental health
 - Intermediates are working on mini-presentations for the primary/junior students
- Parents are asked to be involved in the online classrooms but not while synchronous learning is occurring. SPPS is asking for students to be in the classroom with their peers and teacher during the day as they would in F2F
- Workshop was held for Bell Let's Talk Day (a mental health presentation)
- Anti-Black Racism
 - Educator professional development
 - Black Excellence video
 - YRDSB Anti-Oppression initiative (board-wide)
- MOE announcement - Feb 1, 2021
 - New safety measures in place
 - Masks mandatory grades 1 and up, K is strongly recommended
 - Masks are required outside
 - Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school
 - 3 layered masks need to be worn by students
 - New measures in place for staff and visitors (self-screening)
- FlipGive was not such an effective fundraiser
 - Can be continued as a school fundraiser for the time being
- Direct donation still a fundraising option => \$25 to the school for a tax receipt
- Big Box of Cards - another fundraising idea (can be digital, \$33 for 33 cards and \$11 of each box goes back to SPPS - we need to launch by March 31st)
 - Council voted for Big Box of Cards fundraiser idea

Teachers Report - Ms. Raquel Sharon

- Teachers are asking parents to please allow their students to complete school work independently
- Teachers recognize that parents are partners in education
- Students have heard messages from Intermediate student ambassadors
- Primary and Junior students want more independence while online
- Intermediates feel like there is too much screen time
- Teachers are looking at collaborative social ideas to bring into their classrooms

Upcoming Council Dates

- Monday, April 12
- Monday, May 3
- Monday, June 14

Items for Next Meeting

- Discuss Big Box of Cards fundraiser