

**Silver Pines Public School
Virtual School Council Meeting
Monday, November 9th, 2020
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Attendees - Nandy Palmer, Shauna Small, Dave Toffelmire, Melanie Teitelman, Shauna Rezka, Jennifer Caine, Chris Panagopoulos, Laurie Pacitto, Rosetta Ng, Aurora Zhang, Mahnaz Shahinfar, Timothy Stawinski, Jureen Guthrie-Stewart, Joey Lau, Samira Mirai, Angela Yang, Reke, Daniyal, Fatemah, Anihita, Amy

Regrets - Nazanin Mahmoudian, Raquel Sharon

School Council Representatives for the 2020-2021 School Year

Principal/Vice-Principal - Nandy Palmer 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

- Treasurer's report from last year
- Fundraising plan
- Yearbooks and grade 8 awards
- Reorganization of classes
- Role of School Council
- Family Feature to engage more parents
- New Math Curriculum
- Fundraising Plan

Treasurer's Report

- Lighting for stage (\$9000 total cost but only \$1000 taken from School Council fund) and Raz Kids (just about \$600), so approx \$1600 from School Council funds were taken from the \$11834.49.
- \$10234 remaining now in Council budget

Deferred Items

- NIL

Upcoming Council Dates

- Monday, February 1
- Monday, April 12
- Monday, May 3
- Monday, June 14

School Council Constitution

- Chair reviewed constitution sections and subsections, roles and responsibilities
- Council amended clause to say 20 voting members - but unlimited number of parents can participate on the SPPS Council

Principal Profile

- Principal and Chair reviewed School Council profile
- Council asked to add input into profile

Principal's Report

- 2 cases of Covid - in same class, class isolated, will return on Thursday
- No new cases in school
- No teacher was ill - verified with and corrected by Public Health
- School is moving along well
- Virtual graduation ceremony is arranged through elementary graduation site (pre-recorded on specific website)
- Remembrance Day - Every staff member put something together to make a presentation for all classes to view - shown on the 11th
- Progress reports - sent electronically
- Parent-Teacher interviews come earlier this year - before the progress reports
- All are following Covid protocols
- No balls or equipment allowed at recess (for safer measures)

Assessment and Evaluation

- Report Cards - what K and 1-8 students receive throughout the year
- Progress Reports - Progressing Very Well, Well, With Difficulty (no marks)
- 3 reports go out yearly - Progress Reports in November, Term 1 end of January/beginning of February, Term 2 end of June
- Staff will be participating in professional learning around special education in January

- Educators are having to catch students up this year due to March-June school closure, so curriculum consolidation of previous year occurring/coupled with current year expectations in the classrooms
- Learning Skills - educators are teaching them and tracking them, not just reporting on them (Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Need Improvement)
- Reports align with the Achievement Chart categories (Knowledge/Understanding, Thinking, Communication. Application)
- Set levels of achievement - letters, numbers, and levels correspond
- Parents can speak with their children about what they feel they have done well on a task and where they feel they can improve.
- Teacher feedback will help students move forward. Students can help identify next steps with parents.
- Parents can contact teachers if they need further explanations regarding assessments going home.

Staff Report

- NIL

Fundraising Update

- Donations made to the school of over \$25 receive a tax receipt
- QSP no longer in business
- FlipGive - Gift cards - school gets money with every purchase made, so beneficial to families and SPPS (share the app with parents)
- Fundscrip - physical gift cards have to be handed out by hand - not good in covid times
- Mabels Labels - a good option, but not a lot of profits back to the school
- Big box of cards - will be good to initiate in the Spring

Items for Next Meeting

- We Care Cafe with Ms. Palmer and Ms. Small - November 25
- Initiate FlipGive fundraising campaign
- Initiate Invest in Students donation campaign
- Launch The Big Box of Cards fundraising campaign