

VIOLA DESMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 4.10.21

Attendees: Tamar Swerling (Principal), Jacqueline Stone (Vice Principal), Sarah Limbu, Pam Newman, Tali Rosenthal, Carol Taylor, Heather Moskoske, Sabrina Sammy, Aaden Zhang, Serge Bylov, Routliffe Lane, Rebecca, Amy Altwerger, Nisrin Mehra, Sharleen T, June, Johnson Wang

The meeting began with land acknowledgment.

Agenda

1. Welcome from Tamar
2. Code of Ethics – role of council
3. Nominations for Council Exec team
4. Updates

1.

Tamar discussed how the school is currently focused on promoting the notions of safety and kindness. She noted that with the combination of students and teachers returning to school and so many new students in the school, a lot of consideration has been put towards teaching students about new routines and expectations as they move around the building.

The health and safety considerations are based on guidelines from the YRDSB and public Health.

Safety and Kindness slogans have been incorporated into playground equipment so children/staff promote these ideals even at recess.

2.

The role of School Council is to: Build partnerships, provide input, encourage involvement, act as an advisory role to principal

Responsibilities of School Council are: Communicate with principal, Collaborate, Support, Participate in school development plan

Expectations of School Council: Follow board policies, consult, provide input, ensure agenda, complete annual report, create by laws

EVERY PARENT IS BY DEFAULT A MEMBER OF PARENT COUNCIL

3. Executive Roles:

Co-chairs – Sarah Limbu, Pam Newman, Amy Altwerger

Treasurer – Tali Rosenthal

Secretary – Carol Taylor

Subcommittees:

Events and Fundraising: All exec team plus Sabrina Sammy, Nisrin Mehrain, Heather Moskoske

Other:

Amy proposed council focus on anti bullying, inclusion, and mental health events

Sarah/Tamar updated everyone with regard to the ongoing 'travel study' regarding roads around school

Nisrin mentioned there is dog poop left on grass by playground and suggested a litter bin is placed there

Action Points:

Tamar to liaise with co-chairs to hand over information regarding council email addresses

Other – Co-chairs to meet and prepare dates for events/fundraising committee to meet asap with the hope of something in place for Halloween/fall celebrations

Pam distribute minutes

Proposed meeting dates:

December 13th 2021

Feb 28th 2022

May 16th 2022