

Yorkhill E.S. Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Nov 9, 2021

Attendees

Sara Burman
Catherine Gao
Andia Rezapourian
Elizabeth Manole
Grace Kim
Josie O'Hara
Lauren Jacobs
Stephanie Ip
Leslie T
EJ Stein
Victoria Blond
Nick Chua

- 1) Minutes from previous council meeting were approved
- 2) Principal's Report
 - Remembrance Day activities
 - o no assembly in gym this year and activities will be confined to respective classrooms
 - o children and staff are preparing wreaths to be displayed in the foyer
 - Learning modes
 - o many families have made the switch to in-person
 - o only 17 students remain opted in to online learning
 - Parent Teacher interviews happening next week 18 Nov (pm) and 19 Nov (am)
 - School photos planned for Dec 3
 - o individual photos only at this point
 - o Josie has made request to photographer if composite class photo can be included
 - School Lunches
 - o No lunch programs allowed at the moment. This is still a board policy
 - Technology
 - o 3 LCD Projectors were approved by parent council have been purchased. Currently awaiting delivery
 - School Council Forum will be held on Nov 15
 - o Virtual Forum for other school councils to get together and learn, will also have keynote speaker
 - o Will be attended by school council chair and at least 1 additional council member
- 3) School needs
 - Library in the process of being transformed into learning commons
 - o Additional furniture, primarily sitting and shelving units are still needed
 - o School is asking parent council for a contribution of \$6000

- The following parent council members voted in favor of the expenditure
 - Steph
 - Elizabeth
 - Lauren
 - Grace
 - Catherine
 - Andia
 - Sara
 - Nick

- Additional Kindergarten outdoor play equipment
 - Suggested items include:
 - Outdoor building blocks
 - Trikes / Plasma cars
 - Waterplay or waterproof equipment
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- Additional wish list items are being prepared by teaching staff and will be consolidated by Josie and discussed during next parent council meeting

- 4) Other Business
 - Update on play structure - Part of the structure (wooden plank) has been fixed and can be used (School will have to make a schedule for when kids can use the play structure)
 - Staggered lunch/recess breaks will still remain - cohorting is safer for now and is protocol by the school board. Even though, this may not be enforced in other schools
 - Fund raising
 - Up to 2 fund raising activities allowed per year
 - May want to consider 1 activity before Dec '21 and 1 possibly for the Spring '22
 - Possible activities discussed include
 - Online auctions - will still need a platform for the auction but can do payment via cheque.
 - Cookie Dough
 - Holiday Cookie Kits - Cookie deco kits for the holidays. Leslie T to find out more information

- Calendar/Placemats - Kids submit a artwork as part of classwork and parents get a form of what to order. However, we may not have sufficient time to plan for this activity to happen before the end of 2021.

Next meeting planned for **January 11th, 2022**.