

SCC Meeting Minutes

September 1st, 2021

Attendees:

Raquel Weinmaster, Baydon Rowe, Polly Anne Rowe, Julie Gabriel, Janelle Prybylski, Oriahna Ries, Dennis Nesseth, Emma Castle, Lori Betge, Nicole Pohl, Richelle MacDonald

Regrets: Nicole Ardell

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Julie Gabriel

Welcome to Mr. Nesseth! We are so happy to have you. Julie presented Mr. Nesseth with a Principal's survival kit.

Motion to adopt old minutes made. All in favour, motion passed.

Financial Report:

- Additional \$6000 for wood chips was added to our existing loan. This year's loan payment to GSSD will be approximately \$5000, so that is our goal for fundraising this year.
- We also want to be able to contribute meaningfully to classrooms and clubs and activities.
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Principal's Report:

- First Day - went well. Mr. Nesseth was appreciative of the team mentality of Yorkdale and the positivity present.
- Enrollment numbers are up. Kindergarten numbers are especially high, so some reconfiguring was necessary. The best solution was one that the teachers came up with.
- Ms. Betge is filling in as temporary Vice Principal until Mr. Bomboir returns potentially mid October.
- YCS Learning Improvement Plan - typically discussed at first SCC meeting, but it is not quite ready yet. We will have to put this on the agenda for next meeting so we can discuss and approve the LIP.
- Return to School Plan - obviously a very controversial subject. Need to discuss this plan with respect, and in reference to how this plan is being rolled out at Yorkdale. However, the reasons it is being implemented are not up for debate. Those debates should be addressed at the school division level.
 - Richelle MacDonald made the point that regardless of personal views we as an SCC want to ensure that staff and teachers be supported.
 - Oriahna Rhinas asked for clarity on what it means that mask breaks would be developed according to local context. Mr. Nesseth explained that this was developed by him with help from Superintendent Mike Forsythe and was based

on the building/classroom/number of students, and what would be safe. Mask breaks will mostly be done outdoors and will be decided on a classroom and individual basis. The intention is to try and make it as fair as possible for all classrooms. Janelle wanted to point out there is a discrepancy with this for the split Grade 6/7 class. Mr. Nesseth understands that discrepancy but the dividing line that needs to be worked with is the age limit for vaccinations which is 12. So if any students are in contact with kids 11 and under they need to be masked. It is a difficult decision but one that had to be made.

- No staggered recesses this year.
- Milk program is not taking place at the start of this year.
- Nicole Pohl – asked about piano lessons through Mrs. Jones. Mr. Nesseth has already spoken to her and has given her approval to teach piano at the school this year. She will be considered a visitor and therefore be masked.
- Oriahna brought up the milk program and that for some students the milk is an important nutritional component. Richelle asked if there was something we could do as an SCC to ensure that those students would get some milk. Mrs. Betge suggested it could be part of the breakfast program. Mr. Nesseth, Mrs. Betge and Mr. Buhler will talk about this tomorrow and see what they can come up with.
- The rest of the Principal's report was tabled and will be discussed during the next SCC Meeting. Mr. Nesseth moved to accept Principal's Report. Seconded by Julie.

New Business:

- Fundraising – We plan to do Mom's Pantry early this year as a fundraiser as it was a great fundraiser for us last year. Nicole Ardell was the point person with this last year and is going to provide us with more information via WhatsApp in the coming days.
- Can we use Grade 8 students again for helping with the distribution? Mr. Nesseth says yes.
- Polly Ann and Baydon Rowe will contribute prizes for the most sold for Mom's Pantry.
- Additional fundraising option is the online 50/50 option. This is something we can discuss later but we need to vote on whether to do it as it costs \$200 to set it up. Julie makes a motion to go ahead with this cost and set it up. All in favour. Motion passed.

Next meeting October 5th 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm