

# Summerside School Council Meeting - Wednesday, February 16, 2022 via Google Meet

**In Attendance:** Andrea Gordon, Angela Ronald, Bobby Chauhan, Colleen Dwyer, Jeff Matthews, Jenna Robertson, Kailey Satta, Rebecca Ryan, Sophia Paradis (Student Representative), Spencer McConnell (Student Representative), Dahlia Maxwell, Stuart van Oostveen, Sui Ling Lee, Melissa Humphries, Marcia Green, Lynda Mama, Hannah Edwards, Crystal-Lee Savage, Jenna AuCoin, Chatura Prematunge, Stacey Downing, Sarah Ahmed

## Approval of Agenda and Last Meeting's Minutes

Minutes are approved

## Student Update

- Tomorrow, February 17 is Multicultural day. Students are encouraged to show pride and wear traditional clothes to celebrate their culture
- Students are asking if they are able to change zones or able to mix cohorts yet
- The answer is not quite yet

## Teacher's Report

- Black Excellence Day - everyone in the school wore black to support
- Carnevale week will be happening the week of February 21-25.
- Spirit days every day of the week
- This activity was initiated and planned by students
- Professional development - some staff members are still working through the Third Path
- Outdoor learning happening - Students are painting snow and playing with coloured ice blocks
- Stephanie Turpin continuing work with ukuleles
- Slowly but surely extracurriculars are coming soon
- Grade 3 students are still acting as door holder and sanitize squirters
- Lots of organizations are offering online opportunities - Rideauwood did a presentation
- Grade 3 working on garden tower with Mechelle Martin

## Principal's Report

### COVID

- Things are starting to relax with Covid restrictions
- Asking families to continue screening in morning using the provincial screening tool which is to be accessed through OPH
- When student has one tier one symptoms - assumed to be Covid
- When student has one second tier symptom - isolate for 24-48 hours
- We're able to send home 2 more RATs with students needed if needed
- We still have limited number of PCR tests but being limited to hospital use
- Used to be a lot of contact tracing and case management but we've now switched to optional self-reporting
- Our ventilation system is top notch - there's been no known transmission within the school

## New Guidelines

- Now allowed to engage in group work for a short period of time
- Intramurals for Grade 7-12 - within grade cohort only

- We're allowed to start to use parent/committee volunteers to support student learning
- It will be possible to use volunteers for outdoor field trips and other opportunities
- Any volunteers must have completed vaccine attestation
- We're allowed to have outdoor field trips - can't use buses but can walk and the destination must be outside
- Hoping cohorting will be relaxed soon
- Integration of students of Specialized Program Classes
- Continuing to complete daily staff screening and confirmation

### Staffing

- Continuing to experience staff shortages, but we're strictly following district protocol
- We have had to close classes a few times
- We try to close classes for older students vs younger students
- Whenever we close classes, it happens in close consultation with the Superintendent
- In order to avoid class closures, Stuart and Rebecca have been taking over all different positions - lunch monitor, ECE, EA, and teaching

### Updates

- Rescheduled photo retake day to March 28
- No school Friday, Feb 18th, school is closed and everyone will be engaging in online professional development
- Family day Monday, February 21, 2022
- Winter Carnavale happening next week
- Anti-bullying pink shirt day Wednesday
- Next week is spirit week with the following as themes:
  - Tuesday - purple green gold
  - Wednesday - pink shirt day
  - Thursday - plaid day
  - Friday - pj day

### Treasurer's Update

Account balance as of February 16th - \$10,480.34

### Fundraising

- Boston Pizza night - March 14 and 16 to vote on - available for eat in or take out - **decided on in person blitz March 16 and push take out promotion**
- Purdys - hoping parents deadline would be March 21- **decided to go ahead for Easter**
- True Local - sign up for local meat delivery - **decided to wait until next cycle**
- Got Sneakers - sneaker recycling program - **voted to wait until next cycle**
- Plantables - order seedlings directly to house - **decided to go ahead this cycle**
- Mabel's Labels, Flip Give just continue to keep those on as they are already set up

### Playground Update

- Hope to have updated slideshow by end of the year
- Price of steel is so expensive, about double the price
- Surfacing costs about the same as the structure, so altogether would be quadruple the price we see now
- Set up a grant sub-committee - can apply for as many grants as you want including a \$7500 grant from the city and \$25,000 from OCDSB

- Donors - no problem to ask for donations, but we can't put sign outside of school
- In kind donations are allowed - they would receive a tax receipt

#### **Grads**

- Will re table for next month, we should have a plan in place by April
- In the past, school council has covered the costs of plaques and covered some of the costs of ceremonies

#### **RAISE School**

- Look at fundraising plan, a certain percentage will be going towards school generated funds for Carson Grove

#### **Social Committee**

- Hoping to get the flyer out by March 7th

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm*

*Next meeting is March 23, 2022*