

## **Summerside School Council - Wednesday, March 23, 2022 via Google Meet**

**In Attendance:** Bobby Chauhan, Melissa Humphries, Becky Stanisic, Jeff Matthews, Brooke Forbes (Student Representative), Stuart van Oostveen, Colleen Dwyer, Rebecca Ryan, Saaimah Malik, Jenna Robertson, Angela Ronald, Erica Roy, Hawani Yonas (Student Representative), Dagmo Nour, Stacey Downing, Jenna AuCoin, Lynda Mama, Sui Ling Lee

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

#### **Student Representative Update**

- Students are happy that Covid restrictions are easing a bit
- Before March Break, students celebrated end of winter with a spirit week
- Students celebrated Cultural Day where students were encouraged to wear cultural clothing or bring an item from home that represented their culture
- Students enjoyed the Carnaval D'Hiver which included a scavenger hunt and also enjoyed dress up spirit days
- Students appreciate the new bright yellow lines to mark the edges of the stairs
- Mandatory masking has been dropped but most students are still wearing them
- No zones at recess - students are happy to see students from other classes
- Manie Musicale - songs instead of basketball March Madness
- Intermediate students have started intramural volleyball league
- An Equality and Inclusion club has just started
- Students are looking forward to the library opening
- Bucket drumming club has started
- Students are looking forward to whole school activities soon hopefully - assemblies and talent shows

**Question:** Are other intramural sports to be expected?

**Answer -** We're starting with volleyball and following with low contact sport. Next will be badminton and hopefully down the road we can try basketball.

#### **Teacher's Report**

- Intramurals grade 7 and 8 three time per week (volleyball)
- Third Path book club continues
- Teachers are signed up for the Ten Top Tools Literacy workshop
- Kinder workshop on a new Land Acknowledgement for Early Years Children
- Amie Talbot has provided Pencil Crayon workshops for grades 5-8 throughout the month
- The Kinder friends are very happy that cohorting is over outside and they are now able to explore the yard with friends from other classes
- A new group of Grade 3's are leading the Primary kids into the school, helping with hand sanitizing and keeping order
- Grade 7 Diversity/Inclusivity Club on Wednesday's (Club name to be determined)
- Manie Musicale contest in quarter finals. Students are really enjoying it. Hopefully, sharing the songs with their families and talking about them!
- Students in 67A and 7A will be using Makey Makey tech as part of the flight and structure units in Science
- The same students got to experiment with virtual reality headsets loaned by Canadian Geographic Unfortunately, the equipment had to be returned way too quickly and not many students had the chance to experiment. Hopefully, next year!
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#### **Principal's Report**

- Photo retake day happening next Monday, March 28 as well as Grad photo day

- Daily self screening still expected for students and staff is still required - however it's no longer required to confirm it
- Hand hygiene and sanitizing, no changes
- Masks are optional but encouraged
- Staff are no longer required to wear eye protection
- Cohorting is being dismantled
- No zones outside
- We still need to report attendance reports, over 30% absenteeism needs to be reported to OPH
- Absenteeism rate is a bit higher than February
- We're now allowed to have visitors and in-school volunteers for things that are essential for learning
- We're going to limit non-essential visitors for first couple of weeks after March Break
- EDP is allowing parents into school for pick up
- Still maintaining isolation room for students exhibiting symptoms
- We've been granted permission to offer lunch program/pizza day/milk program
- Extracurriculars - we're encouraged to offer intramural and extracurricular for grades 1-6
- Field trips - encouraged to be creative but we can now use bus and parent volunteers for day trips
- Some meetings may be in person. School council will continue to be held virtually
- Working towards staff meetings in person - may still be virtual
- School assemblies - we're allowed small assemblies but not whole school assemblies yet
- Graduation ceremony - very hopeful it will be in person
- School council may plan outdoor events
- The library can reopen
- Recycling program - blue bin/black bin can go back in place
- With respect to desks and classroom furniture - they can be back in clusters
- Shared learning materials still need to be cleaned between use
- Shared classroom technology cleaned between student use
- Singing permitted - rhythm instruments and ukuleles are ok, still holding off on wind instruments
- Body break room - can blend classes in this space a bit more

**Question:** Are parents to be informed if the absenteeism rate reaches 30%?

**Answer:** It hasn't happened yet, we've only ever reached the teens.

**Question:** What is needed to be a volunteer in the school?

**Answer:** A criminal record check is necessary.

### **Vice Principal's Report**

- Upcoming student school climate survey
- For Grade 4-8
- They happen every 2 years
- Completely voluntary - parents have option to complete non-consent form, the cut-off is Mar 28, 2022
- The survey touches on different areas - there are 110 questions. Should take students between 20-40 minutes
- The survey measures include but are not limited to: engagement, sense of belonging, participation, safety and bullying, environment, social emotional skills, well being
- School will get results in May
- Survey will be starting April 4 to April 22
- Survey is no pressure - if students only feel like answering 1 question, no pressure to finish
- Survey is anonymous and multiple choice

**Treasurer's Update**

Account balance is \$10,569.02

**Fundraising Committee**

- Submitted order for Purdys and total profit was \$337.59
- Boston Pizza Blitz night for March 16th was canceled and rescheduled for April 6th
- Erica, Bobby and Jenna Robertson will meet to discuss next steps for the playground structure
- An exploratory committee will meet to discuss the possibility of a pizza program for the remainder of the year. The final plan will go to Stuart for final approval.

**Tree Planting Program**

- May/June looking for the school community to help and then July/August we'll need some parent volunteers
- Ask teachers to sign up for a tree - the classes can water tree, name tree
- Melissa will take on the role of signing up teachers for tree program
- Maybe have the first assembly outdoors to focus around the planting of trees

*Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm*

*Next meeting is April 20th*