

Summerside School Council - Wednesday, November 17, 2021 via Google Meet

In Attendance: Jenna AuCoin, Andrea Gordon, Angela Ronald, Jeff Matthews, Madison Washington (student representative), Bobby Chauhan, Crystal-Lee Savage, Jenna Robertson, Melissa Humphries, Peyton Addy (student representative), Rebecca Ryan, Becky Stanisic, Sarah Ahmed, Stacey Downing, Stuart van Oostveen, Sui Ling Lee, Erica Roy, Saaimah Malik, Dahlia Powell, Chatura Prematunge

Approval of Agenda

Agenda is approved by lack of objection

Student report

- Halloween, there was a parade for elementary students and an escape room for intermediate students as well as Bingo school wide
- Remembrance Day - the whole school tuned in to watch the ceremony online and the Legion provided poppies for school
- Students made poppies to display on the front lawn of the school
- This week is anti-bullying week. Students were encouraged to wear odd socks to remind us that we're all different
- Diwali was celebrated last week
- Students changed zones at recess and were very excited
- Students received new four square balls

Approval of minutes

Minutes are approved with no objection

Principal's Report - Stuart van Oostveen

- Getting into school improvement plan and working with Leadership Team
- Come out of progress report, IEPs, parent teacher interviews. Received a lot of great feedback from parents as well. They were happy to have the opportunity for parents to make contact with staff
- We sent progress reports out through a secure email system for the first time. It went relatively well
- Coming soon OPH is telling us that they are ready and set for vaccinations for 5-11 years old. When they come out, it will only take 4 weeks to get all of Ottawa's children vaccinated

Question - Will there be vaccine clinics during school hours?

Answer - No vaccine clinics will be taking place on evening and weekends because a parent needs to be present

Vice Principal's Report - Rebecca Ryan

- Looking into council purchasing Chromebooks for students. Parents have been asking whether or not we can provide more devices to classrooms. Schools should be able to provide a 1:4 ratio for classrooms. We're getting a new shipment of 75 devices. We'll be able to top up some classrooms to 1:3. Some devices are going to be used to replace some of the older, slower Chromebook so some classes will stay at the 1:4 ratio.
- If school council provided funds for Chromebooks, they would need to be filtered through the school and would go through our own vendors. Those Chrombooks would then become part of school inventory. They

don't necessarily end up topping things up and it doesn't increase the ratio long term since it would become school board property

Question - With 75 new devices, we would need more tech tubs, can council fund that instead of more devices?

Answer - I believe so but will look into it.

Question - When students are asked to bring their own devices from home, like an Ipad with games, how are they being monitored to make sure they are being used appropriately?

Answer - Depending on the teacher, they could be monitoring the use in the classroom or perhaps teaching them how to be safe on devices.

Teacher's update - Melissa Humphries

- Student council is working on a holiday spirit week and have brainstormed a bunch of different activities for the week of 13th
- There's a professional development book club meeting to talk about the Third Path which discusses how to make more of a community at school
- Educators working in the ASD classrooms were offered ABA (Applied Behavioural Analysis) courses through the Geneva Centre for Autism. There is a new picture board outside room 232 of the students and their bios to get to know them.
- All sorts of outdoor learning time is happening. The yard is a mess, all of ice will turn into muddy puddles, please remember to send students with weather-appropriate gear.
- Special education - various support groups happening for children who have been identified as needing extra support
- Music - Grade 8s can start using ukuleles, Grade 7s can start using bucket drums

Question - Is the choir still on hold?

Answer - Yes since singing can be part of transmission and rehearsals are a gathering. We're also not allowed to mix cohorts of kids at the moment.

Question - How will you be handling unvaccinated students?

Answer - Those questions are figured out centrally with Associate Director Brett Reynolds and answered when more information is available.

Question - Will picture day be happening?

Answer - Working on scheduling something currently.

Matters for Action

- No treasurer's report this week as Lynda is absent
- Still signing off on handoff from Hicham to Lynda
- Some costs from printing of flyers that we will sort out when Lynda returns

Sub-Committee Updates

Pizza Letter

- It has been previously discussed to send a letter to Brett Reynolds regarding the need to have the pizza program re-introduced

- Looking to bring to vote whether the letter is sent on behalf of Summerside school council or as some parents from Summerside

Question - How is it possible to have a pizza program go forward? The office staff is at capacity for questions and students coming to the office during nutrition breaks as it is.

Answer - It wouldn't be able to go forward without being allowed to have volunteers in school.

Put to vote - 10 vote in favour of having a letter drafted on behalf of school council

Fundraising

- Currently have four fundraisers on the go. The biggest is Purdys. The order deadline is Monday, November 22nd. The profit earned is a little bit behind from last year but we will push it out in the last few days
- Flipgive was at 46\$
- Mabel's labels is sending our first cheque for \$ 88
- Clothing order finalized last week - standby first week of December
- Boston Pizza earn back program is ongoing. Anytime you dine in, you can write Summerside on back of receipt and leave it at the reception desk to earn 10% back

Tree program

The City of Ottawa came and did an assessment and put a plan together. The plan has gone to OCDSB for approval. We should be getting an update in February/March. We're hoping to have students lead a gardening program and develop a tree care program over summer.

Partnered School

Carson Grove has been identified as a school that could use some help with fundraising. It's put to a vote to have Carson Grove be the school we fundraise for the year, to be revisited during next school year.

Vote passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next meeting December 15th, 2021 at 7:00pm