

**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2022**

In Attendance:

Renate Edwards, Mary Roes, Katharine Draper Quinn, Kim Seguin, Mary-Anne Gatschene, Michelle Langdon, Rebecca Redmond, Erin Twist, Alexis Bilyea, Sarah Ruddach, Christine Naraine, Hilary and James Callowhill, Tina Grozelle, Anhar Qasem, Michelle Payne, Montea Sherritt, Gail Naraine, Mark Dancey, Deanna Perks, Jamie Gorham, Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman, Rebecca Terry

Time in: 6:33pm

- 1) Hello & Welcome - Mary-Anne
  
- 2) Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to approve - Gail Naraine  
Second - Mark Dancey  
  
Approved
  
- 3) Approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2022  
Motion to approve - Erin Twist  
Second - Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman  
  
Approved
  
- 4) Treasurer's report - Kim Seguin
  - a) All spending this year remaining from 2020-21 school year
  - b) Currently zero balance
  - c) Official end of year reports not in from Heidi, will be finalized in October
  - d) PIF funds \$1000 held by the schoolMotion to approve treasurer's report - Erin Twist  
Second - Katharine Draper Quinn  
  
Approved
  
- 5) Student Reps - Michaela Jackman
  - a) MJ, EN, AC - grade 8 students attended Black Students Conference. Black community leaders in attendance, BLM, lawyers etc. Discussed dealing with racism, slurs and epithets. This will be an annual event. Was organized by Saunders VP Liz Akano.
  - b) Yard items update - Still need footballs, no more basketballs. Maybe put some items in to classrooms now, save some for the fall
  
- 6) Principal's Report - Mary Roes, Renate Edwards (see attached for full details)
  - a) Thanks to Renate, Ms Zimmer, Mr Nixon for organizing Track and Field. 40 Participants were able to attend the meet at Westminster. We had some medal and ribbon winners. Congratulations to all.
  - b) Thanks to staff for organizing year end field trips, some examples: Clovermead, bowling, skating, movies, Jesse Davidson
  - c) Special Olympics is Wednesday. Mr Oswald will be attending with students and their peer helpers
  - d) Friday was PA day, staff were working on assessments. They will go home June 27th so will have 2 days for parents to connect with staff if there are any questions

- e) Moment of Silence and walk of remembrance was today as a reminder that hate does not belong in our community. Staff were pleased that students took it seriously.
- f) Grade 8 grad June 22nd at Westminster. June 9th is the bake sale. A freezie will be provided for every student
- g) EQAO - there were some glitches in the digital format, but students were able to complete the work. Still waiting for results. Students are to be commended for their patience and persistence.
- h) June 14th is Kindergarten orientation
- i) Tutoring club up - Thanks to Ms Neal, Ms Murphy- Smith, Ms Boyce and Ms Gredig
- j) Safe and Inclusive schools plan is on the website. "As Firebirds we..." results turned into a wordle. Working on rebuilding relationships and connections. Focus on restorative practices in an inclusive and caring environment. Will revisit the plan next March/April
- k) New CLST - primary goal is literacy support and ongoing tracking
- l) Jim Sullivan is starting treatment which will last 4-6 months. He remains upbeat and positive
- m) New Employee Procedure - Disconnecting from work, promoting work/life balance. Regarding after hours work related communication. Non-working hours 6pm-7am M-F and Fri 6pm-Sun 6pm. No onus on staff to respond to non-emergent communications after hours, especially between supervisors and teaching staff, but also includes parents.
- n) September - whole year overview meeting to schedule events/meetings/fundraising
- o) Question: Is tutoring information going out to all families? Answer: Only certain identified families as the program is geared towards leveled literacy intervention, so chose kids at approximately the same level.
- p) Question: SC/H&S rep for Kindergarten orientation? Answer: Great idea. School can photocopy a handout if we have one.

7) Bylaws Sections 1-16 (Full Document)

Motion to Approve By-law document - Deanna Perks

Second - Gail Naraine

Approved

8) Communication sub-committee update - Kim Seguin

- a) Encountered logistical issues with sending out a survey
- b) Principals suggested waiting until fall to capture all those families new to the community
- c) School has produced an excellent newsletter/update schedule
- d) Goal of the committee is to determine how to reach those families that are not being reached with our current means

9) No Apple Report

10) No Teacher Report

11) H&S report

- a) Our AGM was in May, approved budget for next year, elected new executive
  - i) Katharine Draper Quinn - President
  - ii) Kim Seguin - Vice-President
  - iii) New nominee for second VP to be presented at upcoming meeting
  - iv) Sarah and Erin to continue as Treasurer and Secretary
- b) No year-end report for our association in TVCHSA report
- c) TVCHSA also held their AGM, last year's minutes approved, new executive acclaimed. Discussed events for the fall and good news sharing.

- d) Lana-Lisa and Gail were able to attend OFHSA conference on a day pass. Theme was “Don’t Stop Achieving.” Discussed building relationships with admin, parents, and students. H&S documents are available in 200 languages. There are different levels of OFHSA. 10 or more Associations in an area are required to have a Council. We have a charity number which can be used for fundraising.

12) Proposal for PIF funds

- a) Stand up banner with stand and carry bag - \$90 each. Proposal for one sign each for School Council and Home and School Association. Could be used together or separately at events/meetings.

Motion to get 2 pop-up signs from Lifetouch for \$90 each using PIF funds - Gail Naraine  
Second - Katharine Draper Quinn

Approved

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Michelle  
Second - Katharine Draper Quinn

Approved

Adjourned 7:40pm