

**Sir Arthur Currie School Council/ Home & School
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021 6:30pm**

Attendees:

Andrew Clark (past chair)	Sara Johnson (secretary)
Amanda Sousa (treasurer, council)	Geetika Sharma
Joanna Letsos (VP)	Lora Neal (teacher rep)
Sue Bruyans (principal)	Sarah Cheatham
Jacklyn Varanelli (co-chair)	Traci Cummings(co-chair)
Cheryl Hames Clark	Sharon Bryant (VP)
Christine Lozon (Whitehills Childcare)	Branko Vojnovic
Rema El-Tawli	Lyndsay Orr
Carla Badawi	Jennifer Charlton
Rie Shirakawa	
Cory Comrie (treasurer, H &S)	

School Council:

Admin update:

(Sue and Sharon)

-**Covid Screening** started today-results, can see who completed it (not results), giving gentle reminders, test run now/get into the routine, after holiday break, will complete for 2 weeks, then decision will be made going forward

935 kids, if there are any positive cases, health unit may want access to the data, they don't know yet, but maybe not follow up with families that haven't done it

-**facilities update** - Nov 15 - porta pak opened, parking lot portables are slowly disappearing, 2 of 5 have left, the rest will be gone shortly, then parking lot will open

-as of Jan 3, **new registrations** will be forwarded to Knollwood (will work on Find My School website, when you type in address)

-**Jk registration** starts end of Jan usually, will be welcoming siblings of current students

-some **requests virtual to return to in person**, reviewing those case by case

-numerous **registrations before deadlines**> numbers will be a little higher than anticipated

-**events December** - food drive, spirit days all next week, book fair (in person, no evening shopping for families) School pictures coming Fri incl virtual learners

-**outdoor supervision**- recommended ratio through board and OSBIE-Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, 1 adult to 100 children

3 breaks balanced day> grades 5-8 (340 kids) grades 1-4 (380 kids), K (206 kids)

-shift middle of November split up grades- made a huge difference, more manageable

-Jr. /intermediate - 4 staff always out there

Grade 1-4 - 4 staff plus Joanna and Sharon

jk/sk - 4 staff plus Cory and Carla, up to 6

(Usually 6 adults supervising outside)

-try to have people on every sight line

-inside eating, 8 staff for 2 or 3 classrooms depending how close, some classrooms also have educational assistants

-out of bounds area -where they can't be seen

-**General process when incidents occur** (if they are seen or student reports it)

>Most conflict can be solved outside, try to minimize number of kids coming to the office, attempt to talk it out with friends, use restorative practices/ part of safe school plan, interesting how honest the kids are about their feelings

>consistency with those that are out there, supervisors, they can usually identify when things are ongoing, i.e. do they need to walk with an adult on the yard or come inside

- **Sports/extra curricular**

- just finishing volleyball, could have played other schools or do intramural , they decided to play within school

-chess club will be starting in Jan, chess sets orders - starting with grades 4.5, 6

-take action team meets regularly

-kindergartens have extra gym time

-some students have been leading prayer in the library (supervised, but led by students)

-any math club?- not at this point, up to individual teachers, they have to be available to supervisor and interested

-**Early identification JK/SK**- self and social development, communication and learning, cognitive and math, physical development -coming Jan/Feb, will be included on term 1 report card in Feb

Staff update:

(Lora)

-thanks for helping with outdoor play equipment

-she asked staff if there are things to consider? "Wish lists"

-will work with Sue to try to figure out what is school based or could come to council

-a request - jr/ intermediate equipment for the yard

-they can access some stuff from gym, but it might get damaged, could use more equipment if budget allows at some point, (she can share items with council)

-storage for kindergarten equipment- home and school

-action item - Laura will send to wish list to Traci and Jackie

-Traci thanked her for taking time to be liaison

-great sense of community linking in the staff

-**action item** - Laura will send to wish list to Traci and Jackie

Northwest capacity issues update:

(Andrew)

- trustee meeting/decisions were made
- Traci thanked Andrew for all his work
- proud of school community's engagement, help, letters,
- Corinne Rahman (not our trustee) -she was fundamental giving school community a voice
- SAC will remain k to 8
- new registrations will be go to Knollwood
- grade 7 and 8 will not be moving to annex
- ESL students will keep their place to learn
- will reevaluate attendance every year
- School community isn't just students
- new boundaries will be discussed/ consultation will be done with community, school committee, the current suggested new boundaries may put us in same problem in short time in the future
- there will be a Jan meeting - 2 reps from each grade level -
- lots of school communities impacted by new boundaries (big portion of London schools)

Family centre Update:

(Steph Hamel sent regrets)

- no update at this time

Coats for kids:

- we were going to collaborate with another school n/a
- any kids in our own school? Nothing yet, but they will keep an eye out
- they have extra hats and mitts when needed

Letter/cards for seniors:

- project students are participating in
- help seniors in homes get through the holidays
McCormick Home , Chelsea Park, Masonville, St Joseph's Hospice
- some aren't taking outside gifts/cards/donations
- boxes are in office
- classes are working on it
- are supplies needed? They are pretty set for supplies, teachers could order through school

** primary classes are going to do video, can share link for holiday video

Parent Engagement:

(Sarah)

- had meeting with den parents
- to create google form to use to communicate with parents
- brainstorming
- set up What's app group
- talking to parents to see what needs are
- each den parent will create google survey to get contact info for class parents, info will go right to den parent
- feedback from any classes that are missing a den parent? Sue continues to remind staff

Safe routes to school/Kiss & Ride:

(Andrew)

- traffic counts - do this again?/entry points., see what's going on
- meeting in January - either after council or the week after-
- walk to school day
- Bike Rodeo, Norwest Optimists
- road safety - working that out, how it will be done

-action item, Andrew will connect with school

(Cory)

- it's not a regular week at SAC unless something needs to be changed (pick up/ drop off)
- closed off end of the road today, couldn't use roundabout
- keep needing to change plans/process
- parents are getting frustrated
- continue to try to explain they are there for the good of them and their kids, for safety, trying to make it as effective as possible
- lack of communication from construction side
- Cory has tried talking to parents, same for those that live close>they are not giving updates by construction companies
- might be worse when roundabout is actually fully open
- Cory, Carla, Sharon and Joanna, - they work hard, they are done before buses are out of parking lot
- parents/community mostly understanding, can't park/ leave vehicles
- have to be ready to PIVOT

Treasurer report:

(Amanda)

- lots of changes, mostly due to lunch
- \$8820 outdoor sign fund - huge increase!

- couple outstanding cheques from Dominoes
- \$600-800 a week for lunches
- this sign should be paid for in the next couple months
- other numbers haven't changed
- recess money - has been spent , needs to be processed
- sign is about \$12 000-13000 (childcare is covering half - total cost is \$24 000 approx)
- sign -working with facilities, sign company, city permit - being worked on behind the scenes, to get ready,
- what about taxes? Andrew asked, may get some money back , would return money they get back to council
- electrician, etc. school budget can cover extras
- Sue says they get asked about money sitting in some of the line items
Such as theme baskets, technology - a plan?
- significant purchases for primary music in the fall >school paid for music equipment
- can that be taken out of baskets funds?
- >yes, for Primary music or jr/inter stem

Motion: Traci made motion and Jacklyn seconded-use basket money to replace that money spent by school, move money back to school, previously approved to use basket money for music (passed)

-action item: Sue will work with Joanna to move money

- tech-** board has equity plan for chromebooks - they want to get as much they can from board for this
- more chromebooks are coming to school - 100
- teachers have their own laptops
- other wish items cricket and laminator-luxury items, not as urgent
- robotics , have some, need more for primary and bigger collection for small groups
- e purchasing- needs to be done through that

Motion - Amanda made motion, Andrew seconded >spend tech money on robotics (passed)

-Action item - Lora will work with Sue

-Newsletter - can suggest donations for sign instead of purchasing something, Parents can do this, write cheque noting what to go to, they will get a tax receipt

Fundraising update:

(Carla)

-school lunches> no more Tahini's after this week

- looking at other ones
- continue with Dominoes and Boston Pizza
- looking for more ideas
- something a bit different
- McDonalds occasionally, Subway?
- intentions - build relationships with businesses, give back
- Raffle** - we have collected some things and Carla has talked to Dominoes, they are going to donate a Nintendo switch and \$500 (home and school account)
- Best Buy is donating a Sony speaker
- Boston Pizza donating \$50 gift card
- wireless headphones, playmobile, drums, Long and Mcquade bongos - previous donations
- 4 gift certificate for large pizza from Dominoes
- GOOGLE Home Mini
- RAFFLE Dec 17
- Items will go on cash online, select tickets for each Basket a/b/c
- \$1 per ticket/min \$5
- Looking for more donations? Personal donations to baskets until tomorrow only, have to put it together and put it on cash online ASAP
- Figure it out tomorrow
- trying to make work least possible
- thank you on newsletter- donations for January and list winners
- *special mention for Dominoes
- Sue checked rules with finance
- can someone tell the kids too?-it will be in daily announcements
- social media
- take action team can do a blitz
- a thank you to Dominoes on electronic sign later when it's functioning
- staff can use cash online

Motion - Carla made motion, Amanda seconded> do raffle, as discussed, money to go to sign (passed)

Action item--send pictures of prizes to Lora to make an ad, card of thanks to be made by Lora's class for Dominoes

-Winter festival/Carnivale

- >Bonhomme
- Madame Decola - looking for hot chocolate
- pajama day- donate \$2?
- home and school money can pay for hot chocolate
- grades 4-8 do outdoor activities
- whole school could get hot chocolate
- principal discretionary funds - can use that, not having all the usual expenses

- Mcdonalds - Carla can talk to them, give her a deal
- or we could talk to No Frills
- or from Costco, make it ourselves, each class could have a crock pot
- February 10/22
- den parents - could help with this
- Bonhomme- costume - cover that cost anyway
- cups,spoons, etc. - being provided for students - does school need help with that?

-table this action until next meeting

- need **volunteers next Thurs Dec 16th** - cutting tickets to do draws-
- figuring out lists/tickets

Action Item: (Jacklyn) -coordinate volunteers in what's app chat

- motion** to end this section - Andrew/ Carla (passed)

Home and School:

Fundraising updates:

(Jacklyn)

- bottle drive**- Sun. Jan 9- tentative (back up Jan 16)- Andrew has the ads for that
- Jaclyn has been starting to collect a few bottles
- can ask parents outside this meeting
- Traci - circle back - set up at the beer store, pick up some if parents want
- decide where money will go to in Jan
- more flexibility with home and school
- will need help sorting/ counting -could have a few drop off locations too

Motion- Traci made motion, Andrew seconded , money from bottle drive to go to-
vote to spend it on teacher wishlist (passed)

- >Lockable deck boxes x3-Cory and Rema could possibly donate1 each,
- >STEM tech
- >Carpet squares for floor - any contact?31 squares (samples) to sit on and spread out in room
- >learning commons/library- another need,
- >We want to generate wish lists from teachers
- >-first stop school budget - council another option

-Action Item: Beacon flooring > Andrew will ask about carpet samples

-Action Item: Lora will take that back to teachers,/ wishlists?

-Action Item: will finalize details for bottle drive next meeting

Uncle Dad's- end of January- happy to partner with us today
,pick up at the park,
Orders in by Jan 22, delivery following week,
Purchase directly from them easiest,

Action Item: vote where this money from Uncle Dad's fundraiser goes next meeting

-Balance- funds H & S - about \$2200 (incl. Dominos 500),
-Mabels labels \$109 - other cheque not issued yet
-\$500 Dominoes - home and school money for student needs- will need to make motion when it's going to be spent
-Dominoes family/evening fundraiser? - not at this time

Motion: Andrew made motion, Cory seconded - Mabel's Labels/ Flip give
Cash it out >put it towards sign (passed)

Action Item: Will need to make new motion for where that money from Mabel's Labels/ Flip give will go going forward next meeting

Action Item:- Andrew will re-do advertisement for Flip Give,will be Shared on socials

**Treasurer update:
(Cory)**

-working on getting Traci and Cory on account at Libro
-no other updates
-most fundraising has been done through council

Home & School TVDSB meeting regional update:

(Jacklyn)

-Equity and inclusive education

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/equity-and-inclusive-education.aspx>

-Hiring process for new trustee

-No meeting in Dec , in January 2022 last Mon again

Action Item (Jacklyn follow up): need volunteer from exec to attend that next TVDSB H & S meeting

**Health and safety:
(Jacklyn)**

-paperwork is all in order

Traci motioned to adjourn 904pm, Jaclyn seconded- Next meeting is Jan 10, 22