

École Sir William Osler

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time : Sep.21, 2021

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Chair: Caitlin Buchel/Alisha Bradbury

Minutes Taken By: Rebecca Simpson-Litke

(19 participants)

Chair Greeting (Caitlin)

- Introductions to the Exec: Caitlin Buchel & Alisha Bradbury (Co-Chairs), Amy Campbell (Treasurer), Rebecca Simpson-Litke (Secretary)
- Last meeting's minutes approved

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (Amy)

- PAC account is \$2613.16

Lunch Program Report (Amber)

- Lunch account is \$33,385.80
- Fees have gone up a bit because there is no division help this year – we are covering the costs of the monitors' wages for the full year, any surplus will go to outdoor recess equipment, etc.

Principal's Report (Mme Ostermann)

- **Priorities** are the same as last year:
 - 1) Solid base of French aural language – ELA not starting until October for grades 2-6, two new teachers are primarily French speakers
 - 2) Reading & Writing English & French – professional support services to support the writing process
 - 3) Numeracy – see provincial and federal priorities
- **Staffing** – all teachers are in place for this year, still seeking one Educational Assistant, Level A (11:20-2:20 to help with lunch/recess supervision)
- **PBIS** – Positive Behavioural Interventions & Supports – gives common language of expectations and behaviour for the kids within the school common areas, prevents confusion and missteps from students
- **Patrol** training and duty and **Communication Crew** started this week
- **Fire** drill (10 per year) – first one was last Friday
- **Lockdown** drill (3 per year) – first one this Friday
- Classroom teachers are using **Seesaw**, higher grades may be using **Google Classroom**
- **Orange Shirt Day** ceremony on September 29, **National Day of Truth & Reconciliation** on September 30 – no school

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- **Terry Fox Run** on October 1 – online donation info will be sent soon by Sabrina
- **Hearing Screening** – September 27-29 for Kindergarten students
- **Volunteers** are currently put on hold by the division, except for paid lunch program staff
- **Assemblies** are also on hold – will wait to see about Remembrance Day ceremonies and Parent-Teacher conferences in November
- **Lunch Program Monitors** – still looking for a couple of people, possible waiver of lunch fees – Denessa can do MWF but anyone else should contact Mme Ostermann if interested
- **Mural Project**, which has received grant money, is looking for an elder to guide the mural design on the 7 teachings – each child will work on the mural with artist Annie Bergen
- **Fort Whyte** is returning – Oct.4-7 half days, extra half day for daycare on Oct.12
- **Construction** – most indoor work is complete but was delayed, classroom floors were not able to be done – as they peeled back the stucco, they found rot and water damage, so exterior walls had to be completely removed – new steel framing, insulation – inside walls had to be re-drywalled – electrical, lighting, ceiling has been done – windows have been added and are bigger, so the classrooms are much brighter – some drywalling, window sills, and framing still to be done – hoping to do some flooring during winter break – gym is also on hold but exterior is supposed to start in October, with windows to be put in as well – exterior hoping to wrapped up in December, but we'll see...

Teacher Representative (Sara Tham)

- New Resource & Guidance Teacher
- Has been enjoying the warm welcome from teachers & parents

Playground Committee Report (Lauren/Meghan)

- **Polar Bear Club** will continue this year – watch for permission forms (for kids who want to go outside when it's colder than -27C!
- **Winter clothing** – swap or sale in the future?
- **Compost Winnipeg** – if we are interested, they charge \$100/month for pickup once a week – looking for help finding/writing grants and for a Green Team so students can learn and educate others – Education of Sustainable Development Grant (\$400) may be available, so Mme Ostermann will put in a request
- **Farm to School Veggie Fundraiser** – get orders in before Tuesday, September 28 – pickup 3-6pm, October 7
- **Playground Update** – the process has been very slow, but the division sent out a request for construction company quotes and have now made a selection – three berms will be created and they will start on the outdoor classroom soon
- Thanks to Meghan and Lauren for all the hard work!

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NEW BUSINESS

Enrolment for 2021-22 (Mme Ostermann)

- 167 students – 18-23 students per class, kept a metre apart

Fundraising (Caitlin)

- Do we want to do a winter fundraiser through Glenlea this year? – Denessa will get a winter date, and has already secured a date for the spring fundraiser (May 18)
- Mums from the spring fundraiser have arrived (September 14) and should be picked up ASAP if not already done
- Mabel's Labels or Oliver's Labels for identifying kids' clothes/items? – these companies give back 20% to the school – Caitlin will investigate

MAPC Membership (Mme Ostermann)

- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils provides a resource guide, info sessions, etc.
- Provides us with a connection to other MB Parent Councils
- Normally \$80/year membership fee but board of trustees will cover the cost if we enroll before September 30

Fun Lunch (Caitlin)

- Thursday, October 21 – Denessa will monitor

Safety Issues

- Children have been bitten by Wylie, a cat that wanders in the playground – daycare and parents have contacted Animal Services to issue a wandering ticket to the owners – the owner will be keeping the cat inside, but if it happens again, please report it – cat bites require antibiotics
- Crosswalk on Grant is dangerous with cars not stopping – police reports can be made online or by phone – police will monitor the intersection and patrols will be there now – may need parent involvement to petition for lights that are down lower so they are easier to see – Caitlyn will investigate the process – we could consider a petition to make it a 30 zone, even if unlikely

Meeting Adjourned (Caitlin) 7:22pm