

Mutchmor School Council Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Via Google Meet

Present:

Alaina Woolfrey, Colin Baril (Co-OCASC), Elspeth Tory (Book Sale), Kiersten Love (Outreach), Kevin Smith (Engagement), Marie-Pierre Roure (Vice Principal), Melanie Love (Playground), Mrs. Skeen, Sheri Segal Glick (Co-chair), Sandra Walker (Principal), Shauna Rebecca, Zofia Olszowka ; Adrienne Annan, Debora sarmento; Kate Binne; Laureen Lyons; Rokhsareh S; Charlotte Brennan.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Agenda- Approved

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting – Approved [Sheri; Kiersten]

3. Motion to approve agenda- Approved [Sheri; Kevin]

4. Engagement Coordinator Update:

- Current Coordinator is moving out of town so we need someone for December/January;
- Kevin Smith, the current Coordinator provided an update on what the role entailed previously
 - Manage the website for the book sale as well as the volunteers; and
 - Manage the facebook page.
- Council is looking for people who may be interested
- Mr. Smith was acknowledged for his work

5. Fundraising:

- Currently have Friday night pizza with Panago which occurs every 2nd Friday and persons receive 15% off orders with 15% of orders going back to school; and
- Today, \$260 has been raised over 44 orders and cheques will be written monthly.
- Council has signed up for Flip Give:
 - The platform provides deals with various retailers where you buy gift cards or online shopping and a portion goes back to school council ; and
 - \$77 has been raised to date.

7. Principle update:

- Report cards will be available Friday and will be distributed via the parent portal on the board website;
 - This portal will be used for sharing reports ongoing and will eliminate paper, though can do paper if a family requires;
- One of the messages received in the last senior team meeting was that the majority of the messaging concerns safety;
 - We were told that we need to start communicating about learnings that are currently happening;
 - The school has been doing learnings on bullying which has been successful;
 - We are still thinking about safety and we are still working on using all 5 entrances and splitting all classes between them;
 - Rehearsals and reminders are happening with teachers;
 - Children are entering and exiting more calmly;
 - There are always the need for more reminders and rehearsals which will occur in January;
 - Last week we talked a lot about the traffic around the school and a group met with Shawn Menard about Lyon street
 - We have been observing a lot of traffic still happening but the goal is to remove the one hour parking signs and put up no stopping signs;
 - There has been mixed messaging about winter break but the Minister has said that it will not be extended though we were told that everything is still on the table;
 - There is no prewarning to the boards.

8. Marie Peirre Roure;

- We are always looking for ways to enhance things for kids since no clubs etc;
- We are looking into virtual activities and guest speakers; and
- We will be hearing from children that we have booked the love to groove and also looking at NAC and seeing what they are offering.

9. Treasurer report:

- The bank account has \$127,802 in it;
- There are a few cheques that need to be written and Adriane and Kevin's will be written this week;
- As for teacher cheques, we need to get that calculation.
 - Last year was approximately \$22,000 (someone will confirm in email to her);
- Silver Birch-
 - School had paid for it but we will need the total cost to know what amount to reimburse school [Ms. Walker will advise];

- This year we will be doing Flip Give and Pizza but can look into 3rd party resales and virtual booksale;
- Sandra: we talked last week about creating a plans for play structure- when we have that more formal plan we will have a better way to set goals and structure for fundraising- It would be great if people could vote on this [melanie love heading that committee];
 - We will definately will have a kid focused voting on what they would like to see;
 - The next step is to delve into exactly what we need and move forward from there;
 - Rob is a professional fundraiser and may be able to assist;
 - Colin states that Alicia will be helping out;
 - There was a special discussion on fundraising last week at a meeting and he spoke up about Mutchmor
- The main push from other schools is less about fundraising and more about community engagement and building for this year;
- If there was a virtual book sale there is an opportunity to pair with other schools using an app that gnag used last year for garage sale;
 - Sandra: love idea of focusing more on community engagement so if anyone has any ideas let us know (OCASC update) – morning tomorrow and Alicia will attend.

10. Book Sale Update:

- Elspeth showed the banner about keeping their distance and it is now in the school yard
 - It was ordered via visatprint.
- Have been looking at using giveshop which is a local based company that focuses on raising money for charities;
 - It is an online marketplace like Kijiji with the money going directly to charity of choosing for the event;
 - It was used for the Great Glebe Garage Sale last year;
 - One limitation of is the minimum amount you can post is \$25 and the high fee of 15% per purchase;
 - The idea is to do a small test run in December in the first 3 weeks in December which will give us an idea of how it will work with the plan to run it again before summer; and
 - Spoke about doing facebook as a cheaper alternative but way more oversight is required.

11. Other business Wrap-up :

- The next meeting will be the 3rd week in January;
- Next pizza day is on the front of the school website; and
- Parents can subscribe to a calendar of event on the school site [it is a google calendar].

12. Comments:

- Signage would be great to encourage masks; and
- We will ask the classes to do signage for masks because we want it to be student art..