

Attendance: Scott Macklin, heather Munro, erin rempel, crystal, kate Connolly, Christine dalgleish, Jessica Sutherland, chris moffat, Cheryl khoury, galen wong, Jacqueline willmore, josie sirna, Kerrie rodier, linda lin, Amanda B, spencer coyle, Erinn Brooks

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of agenda and Minutes for Meeting June 2021
- 3) Teacher updates – n/a
- 4) Principal/Vice Principal Report
 - From Scott:
 - o Very glad to be back in person
 - o 610 enrolled students, 40 students who are online
 - o Sometimes have to re-org the school based on enrollment, but we don't have to do that this year
 - o Priorities continue to be safety. We are all more experienced with COVID protocols, kids have been. New things: students can use library this year, students clubs and team MAY start up again later in the year. Waiting for more guidance from the board
 - o Looking at new concussion protocols and getting ready for the first fire drills (1/2 the school at a time to reduce interactions between students in the halls/stairwells at the same time)
 - o Working at professional development on mental health
 - o Board-wide focus: equity and inclusion. Micro-aggressions, making school more friendly for LGBTQ community, dealing with racist comments, looking at progressive discipline and suspension policies, indigenous education (kids are looking at 94 calls to action from the ...).
 - o Sept.30 is Orange Shirt Day; all kids will get "Every Child Matters" stickers paid for by parents council
 - o Pedagogical focus: math
 - o Question from Cheryl Khoury: wrt to being more inclusive, re-visit the forms that come to parents which say "mother, father" instead of "parent 1, parent 2". Scott will look into this.
 - o School generated funds. Not asking for school fees this year; always optional in previous years.
 - o School clothing sale is on now; a spirit event, does not raise funds for the school. We'll do Toonie Tuesday, Terry Fox event. That \$ goes to the Education Foundation [<https://www.educationfoundationottawa.ca/>]; arms length, connected to school board. Schools can apply for \$ for students in need. Parents can be gifted with gift cards for Loblaws, big box stores. Also linked to the United Way donations campaigns. Families have to be identified by teachers, admin, social worker, etc., parents can't ask for help directly.
 - o New Library technician: Melissa Burke, new to the profession but full of great ideas. Being mentored by Manor Park's award-winning library tech. Going through and getting rid of old books; new books being ordered: French, graphic novels, French non-fiction, books on diversity, indigenous issues, etc. Looking to use new open spaces for maker

space, beanbag chairs, etc. Library Rejuvenation Committee has approx. \$1000 for maker space and \$500 for diversity books

- Working on Principal profile for council to review
 - Question from Kate: can parents provide play equipment? Some classes don't have anything for kids to play with at recess apparently. Teachers McKeen and McLoed? Scott confirmed that recess bags were prepared and all classes should have them so he'll look into it. Parents can donate play items for their kid's class.
 - Question from Cheryl: Do kids have to wear masks for outdoor recess, and will this be standard going forward? Only if social distancing can be maintained but kids aren't distancing during recess. Masks can come off during outdoor phys ed classes if spaced apart.
 - Question from Jessica Sutherland: Does the kinderyard need donations of play equipment? Kinders have a concrete storage unit on-site full of equipment, toys and even mini wheel barrels and gardening tools. Parents can email the teachers and ask what they are in need of.
 - Important Dates:
 - IEPs going out...
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- 5) Elections
- Co-chair – n/a
 - Treasurer – Erinn Brooks (Moved by Kate Connolly, seconded by Allison Klus-Palermo)
 - Secretary – n/a
 - Jessica Sutherland can take minutes if she is able to attend meetings
 - For the unfilled positions, we will continue to promote their vacancy and seek volunteers. Moved by Allison Klus-Palermo, seconded by Chris Moffat.
- 6) Treasurers Report
- \$2063.82 balance in main account
 - Apparently there are tents in the back yard for outdoor learning that need to be replaced. We could look at other options that are more sturdy; could consider a more permanent, accessible option. Parent Amanda B. will speak to Mr. McKeen about other options as he's spearheading a letter writing campaign to get the Principal to replace them
- 7) Fundraising Ideas
- Dance-a-thon in classrooms, or outside? Scott says both options are fine
Jessica recommended that at another school there's a budget for prizes for the most funds raised.
 - Cheryl: love the idea of a dance-a-thon. Could we do it as a fun thing to do outside of raising funds, and add the fundraising component in.
 - Allison mentioned it's good to remind people what funds raised are used for, i.e. new books for the library. Scott will invite the new library tech to the next meeting.

- Josie mentioned there was a grant-writing committee when they were looking at the kinderyard rejuvenation. Need to look at what grants are available if council considers another outdoor yard improvement.
 - School photos are not happening again this year, Allison asked if could parents council could look at paying for a photographer or set-up an alternate option? Parents were not convinced setting this up would be a good idea.
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- 8) Library Rejuvenation
 - 9) Grade 8 working group
 - 10) Other/New business