

MINUTES

Elora Public School Council

Sept 21, 2021

Virtual Attendees: Curt McQueen, Dawn Airdrie-Donovan, Alison Negrave, Jacquie Corley, Rachel Albano, Jude Fletcher, Michelle Youngblood, Janice Spoelder, Tanya Morton, Indiana Atkinson, Kim Blair, Laura Bradley, Laura Freeman, Catherine Black

1. Welcome and Introductions (Curt)

2. Attendance: Please email rachalbano@gmail.com

3. Approval of Minutes from June (Curt)

4. School Council Membership and Executive 2021-2022

Co-chairs, treasurer, secretary positions needed. Hoping to do more connections, events than last year. 5 full meetings a year, with small break out sessions to work on the side for event planning, fundraising etc.

5. P/VP Report (Curt and Dawn)

Start of the year update (no change in classes, remote learners, update in room usage, yard usage)

Staffing Update (Junior Core French, ECE)

COVID-19 cases

Meet the Teacher

School Councils:

School councils serve in an advisory capacity to the school Principal, and the Board to promote continued excellence in education, placing the overall interest of students first.

School councils support the engagement of parents in their child's learning and provide a powerful network of support

Through the active participation of families, school councils work to improve student achievement

School councils participate in fundraising initiatives to help raise funds for overall school needs

Typically decision making is through consensus

Dates to Note:

September 24 - Terry Fox Walk/Run

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day - in the spirit of hope and reconciliation. To honour the survivors of residential schools and show a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters

October 11 - Thanksgiving Holiday

October 29 - PD Day

6. Teacher Reports/ Startup

6.1 Mrs Youngblood- interacting with students with in person is great. This year I am in the library/ learning commons will be a hub of activity- reading assessments, kindergarten story time, checking books out. Fundraiser with Magic Pebble Books in Elora raised \$500 toward new books.

6.2 Tanya Morton- so happy to be in person! Focusing on social/ emotional piece, working on routines in the primary area. Kindergarteners - connection on being inclusive, Terry Fox

6.3 Wheelchair Basketball- Andy Speers- exposing kids to opportunities like sledge hockey and wheelchair basketball.

6.4 Mr Fletcher- intramurals- a great learning experience, MID classroom joined in. Topic of what the gap looks like after online schooling is not as big a hurdle as we thought it would be particularly in math and science.

7. Terry Fox Family Event (Dawn) - goal to raise \$1000, can contribute on School Cash Online. Lots of learning happening in the building on Terry Fox. Classes will be doing laps at different times. Parents are welcome to join with the classes. Friday, Sept 24.

Note - Rachel to add info on times to EPS FB.

8. Treasurer Report (Curt)

General - \$445.45

Landscaping - \$2,390.44

Playground - \$40.39

9. Other Business

9.1 Gift for Mrs. Stelter and Mrs Billing (Alison).

9.2 Gryphon Gardens (Mrs Youngblood) - Elora Horticultural Society worked in partnership with the school to revamp that space. Milkweed for the Monarch butterflies, vegetables- donated to the foodbank, flowers, etc. Such a great example of partnerships in our school. Thank you cards to Pam and Herman.

9.3 Fundraising: Looking to establish a committee around events and fundraising. Email addresses sent to Rachel for contacting in the near future.