

MINUTES  
EPS Parent Council



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September 9, 2020 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Patrizia Eltalawy

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**In Attendance**

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Stacey Swartz, Patrizia Eltalawy, Andy Midcalf, Lindsey Fleming, Letitia McDougall, Marina Harrison, Laurel Norrish, Katie Holden

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**Principal's Report**

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Principal Marina Harrison presented her report and there was a round table Q and A about the restart of school.

- A lot of parents might opt out of busing their children resulting in more parent drop offs.
- Kindergarten kids will continue to be able to be dropped off in the parking lot
- Other drop off area will be Erindale; council agreed and it will be posted on the website with first day routines
- Parents of children between Kindergarten and grade 3 are allowed on school property but not other grades.
- 3800 children have opted to do online in our board which is about 10%
- 55 – 60 students at Erin have opted for online learning out of 350 student
- Town lunches – more reasons to have it be no than yes.
  - Easier to say yes after a bit of time than to pull it back
  - Re-evaluate after a bit of time
- No breakfast club
- No drop off of forgotten lunches
- Individual wrapped food only
- Pizza lunches will not be happening this year
- These meetings have to be virtual; no in person meeting
- Obligated to have 4 parent council meetings but not any more
- Mr. Nethery will be going to online; new teacher in that space
- Playgrounds are not open
- Teachers are interested in outdoor classroom
  - Teachers are getting yoga mats and cutting them in half for seats
- Class sizes
  - Kindergarten 29 – permitted to use the other room; Mrs. Raspberry and Mrs. Leach; within the two groups they will make bubbles; they will use the garden door and use the cubbies
  - Grade 1 / 2 splits – 14 each
  - Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  split – 19 or 20 + 1 integrated student (Normore)

- Grade 4/5 – 19 or 20 + 3 integrated students (Quick)
- Grade 5/6 – 20 + 3 (Wain)
- Intermediate classes will come in the back door
- Not having any more than 2 classrooms / door
- Bathrooms are trickier – upstairs has their own; primary has their own but the intermediate kids are about 200 and sharing one so will need to work out
- Intermediate kids will be allowed to have their phones; they will need to be upside down on their desk
- Recess is going to be staggered
  - Older kids that will go out first and then eat
  - Younger ones will eat and then go out
- Custodians can clean those rooms
- Going to have to clean their own desks (intermediate kids) with provided sanitizing wipes that are provided
- Limited interaction outside; trying to figure out how many kids can use the track at any given time
- Andy suggested Wi-Fi outside for the students
- No sense of what the dates would be for re-entry to in-person learning from online; assuming November because that is when the reporting period
- The online students don't start until September 14
- 225 minutes of in person screen face to face time and the other 75 minutes will be independent learning or active play
- Worried about staffing the school because of the symptoms being so vague and they have to remove themselves from the building or not come in at all
- There is no extra teachers around to fill holes
- Difficult to get teachers to come to Erin anyway
- Teachers that don't have classes – Library, Music, Art, etc... can be tapped on the shoulder to fill holes
- Symptomatic child gets sent home, sibling will also need to be picked up; Public Health would take over; likely whole class would be sent home for 14 days to isolate and then would have a swab and if negative then would be allowed to re-enter
- All teaching the same sequence
- No indoor shoes permitted
- Younger kids can bring clothes back and forth
- Boomerang lunches
- Most of the classes have sinks, soap and paper towels
- Hand sanitizer in each classroom

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## Treasurer's Report

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- The financial statements were presented  
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## Next meeting

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