

June Ave School Council September 2023 Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, September 26th

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual (<https://meet.google.com/rwb-tzrn-fdz>)

Chair: TBD

1. Welcome

-In attendance: Jen Sage, Melissa Ingle, Mark Turner, Heather Freamo-Beirnes, Kelly Soutiere, Kate From

-18 people are on the email list this year

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Move to accept: 1st Jen, 2nd Heather

3. Elections

-Heather nominates Kelly at chair. Kelly accepts and nominates Kate as co-chair. Kate accepts as co-chair.

-Treasurer responsibilities are now mostly handled by the school's Office Coordinator so Kirsten Popofski will take on this position. Jen is offering to help with this and accepts position as co-treasurer with Kirsten.

-Heather will continue as secretary and accept the position. Kate expressed interest in the position of secretary but will start the year as co-chair.

4. Acceptance of Minutes from June's meeting

-Move to accept: Melissa 1st, Jen 2nd

5. Treasurer's Report (Mark)

-After allocating money from fundraising last year to regular budget items (e.g. playground repairs), we have a positive balance to put towards regular activities (e.g. \$100/classroom for science, \$100/classroom for arts, guest speakers) as well as reserve for funding special "one off" activities (e.g. rock climbing was \$2000 for 2 days) or club start-ups. Office will take over funding the \$100/classroom for misc. learning resources.

6. Principal's Report (Mark)

- It's been a smooth start to our year, thanks to our amazing staff and the support of our families. Our current enrollment is 193 which is just under 20 more students than last year at this time.

- New staff members: Ms. Pagnan, Mme Kirkwood, Mrs Engelen, Ms Bent and Ms Pyke.
- The main forms of communication from the school will continue to be through the Call-Outs, UGConnect push out reminders, emails, Twitter and our website.
- Google Classrooms have been set up again by the board and teachers.
- For information about 2023-2024 School Operations, parents can visit the board website. Information includes: Management of illness in schools, Protective Strategies, Ventilation, plus more.
- Many families are accessing the school using the new pathway that was installed during the summer months. With more families using the path, the parking and congestion at the front of the school has noticeably improved during drop-off and pick up times. Families are still reminded to not use the parking lot as it is for staff only.
- We will resume our Pizza Days and Sub Days beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Information about these options in the coming days. Our hot lunch program will also be starting again next week.
- The Open House and Book Fair was well attended last week. Students always love being there after hours.
- Soccer Intramurals have started up and our Jr soccer team will be competing at the tournament on Thursday.
- Our Terry Fox run was a success: so far we've raised just over \$250 for cancer research! Donations will be accepted for the rest of this week.
- Chocolate bars were sent home with one child per household yesterday - unless the family let us know they'd be opting out. The fundraiser will end October 12th.

7. Fall Fundraising

-We currently have the chocolate bar fundraiser going on until Oct 12th. The letter sent to families specified the money raised was going to hands-on learning activities. We expect chocolates to make around \$6000 for 140 boxes.

-Heather brought up that the staff would like to fundraise to replace chalkboards in classrooms with whiteboards. June Ave is one of few schools who still have chalkboards. Kate is familiar with a company who sells whiteboard wallpaper and offered to inquire price, life span, etc. Heather will measure whiteboards in classrooms and share with Kate.

-Kate asked when the \$100 allotment for art/science was last reviewed. After no fundraising was allowed during covid years, school council's fundraising last year went to topping up funds. Perhaps after this year's fundraising we can discuss the possibility of increasing these allotments

-Melissa mentioned that her kids Cubs did a Rheo Thompson sale of a variety of flavours of bars and it was successful. They pre-sold the bars and only ordered as many as pre-sold.

-Possible fundraisers for this school year to be discussed at future meetings

September	Chocolate bars begin Sept 25 and go until October 12th
October	Chocolate bars continue
November	Candle sale late November (8oz candle for \$15 and school makes \$5/candle)
December	Candle sale continues
January	
February	Candy-gram 1 day sale for Valentine's Day
March	Rheo Thompson (pre-sale of a variety of bars) before Easter on March 31
April	Royal City Nursery gift card sale
May	Terracotta Butterfly cookie 1 day sale
June	Freezie sale 1 day/ week for 2-3 weeks

8. Matters from previous meetings

-none

9. New Business

-Jen asked if Ms. Kirkwood is taking over Scholastic orders as new librarian after Mme. Pennesi retired last year. Heather will inquire.

Move to end meeting: Jen 1st, Heather 2nd

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17th 6:30 virtual meeting