

## **Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes - September 21, 2021**

Date: September 21, 2021

Meeting Called by: Greg Routenburg

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Kirk Runciman, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Karie Bilger, Stacy Roberts-Munn, Sheena Grinwis, Andria Bitton, Greg Routenburg, Alexandra Grosse, Izabella K, Dana Greenlaw, Angela Telfer

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings**

Greg opened the meeting and welcomed new members. Everyone introduced themselves.

#### **Topic 2: Principal's Report**

1. This year's enrollment at Paisley Road PS is 376 students. This total does not include the 20 students participating in online learning. The number of students enrolled in French Immersion and English is almost equal, with 189 students and 187 students respectively.
2. Paisley Road's Virtual Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. For this event, teachers will be posting videos or slideshows to their Google Classrooms where they will introduce themselves and their classrooms to their students' parents. Given the unique circumstances we continue to experience in the world, this is the best way for teachers to reach out to families in the school.
3. Several new staff members have joined the Paisley Road PS team this year. New members of the Paisley Road teaching staff include Ms. Speers-Barker. Ms. Stark and Madame Miklosy. Madame Murphy is also returning to the school this year, following her maternity leave. Educational Assistants new to the school this year include Mr. Arandas, Ms. March and, Ms. Rumph and Ms. Fiorino.
4. The annual reorganization of schools within the Upper Grand District School Board occurred last week, with students starting in their new classrooms on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. As a result of the reorganization process, a total of six students were moved to new classrooms.
5. Paisley Road PS's Terry Fox Run will be similar to last year's. The Run will occur during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, with each class signing up for their own time slot to run the route during the week. Prior to the pandemic, the school collected "Toonies for Terry", but this year the school is requesting donations be made directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. For families wishing to donate, the following link has been shared on the school website: <http://www.terryfox.ca/PaisleyRoadPSGuelph> The school's fundraising goal for the Terry Fox Run is \$2,000.
6. On September 30<sup>th</sup> the school will recognize Orange Shirt Day with staff and students encouraged to wear an orange shirt. Orange Shirt Day was created as an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honours the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, celebrates resilience and affirms a commitment that every child matters.
7. Paisley Road now has a Twitter account. Be sure to follow @PaisleyRoadPS for updates regarding what is happening at the school.

#### **Topic 3: Treasurer's Report**

- Not a lot to report as there was no fundraising last year due to covid-19. There were some

funds moved around to help with tech purchases (these funds came from our field trips fund since they weren't being used).

- Typically at the start of the year, we need to allocate money raised from last year, but that is not so much the case this year. There is a bit to allocate but we may hold off for now until we know what the year will bring, unless there is an immediate need.

- Fundraising will be allowed this year, but will need to be adapted to make sure it's covid-friendly. We will discuss more fundraising options at the October Council meeting.

#### **Topic 4: Review of Executive Positions**

- Greg presented the option to others who are interested in the positions; that we could have an election. Otherwise, Annica and Laura are happy to continue in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

- All voted in favour of Greg continuing as Chair for the remainder of the school year.

- Greg made a motion to appoint Annica and Laura as Secretary and Treasurer. No objections.

#### **Topic 5: New Covid Procedures**

- Greg asked Sheena and Kirk to speak to current covid protocols, and if anything has changed since last year.

- Kirk shared that some things remain the same (only staff and students allowed in the school, formal procedures for entry and dismissal) and some have changed (no more floor markings in the school)

- There is now a doorbell at the front of the school for parents who need to drop anything or anyone off.

- Kids are no longer cohorted on the yard. If they are playing with their cohort they can remove masks, but if playing with other cohorts they are encouraged to keep masks on. Kids seem very happy about this new development!

- Things may change over the course of the year. The main mode of communication will be through email and phone calls. There will also be virtual assemblies where information can be shared with students. Parents can always email the school email address with questions.

- Parents are asked to stay behind the red line at drop off so they don't mingle with other students. The expectation is that parents and guardians wear masks at pick up and drop off.

- HEPA filters in the classrooms are maintained and inspected by the custodians. The operations department monitors them closely and resolves any issues that come up.

- A question was asked about the likelihood of double vaccinated parents being allowed to volunteer in classrooms later in the year. It is still unclear at this point but things may change depending on guidance from the Public Health Unit.

- No pizza this year at this point.

#### **Topic 6: Other**

- Discussion about safely crossing the street: The expectation is that parents and students cross at the lights, stay on sidewalks (including on school grounds), and do not cut across Paisley Road through traffic. In the past by-law officers have come to help with education around this and tickets have also been given.

- There are plans to have some type of Memorial for Jay Parks, our custodian who passed away in the last year. They are planning for a tree to be planted and a plaque installed - hopefully around Thanksgiving. This will likely be after school hours for people to join and show their support. More details to come.

Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm  
Next Meeting Tuesday October 19th 6:30pm