

Paisley Road School Council Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2021

Date: October 19, 2021

Meeting Called by: Greg Routenburg

Note Taker: Annica Napier

Attendees: Kirk Runciman, Laura Vanderveldt, Annica Napier, Karie Bilger, Sheena Grinwis, Andria Bitton, Greg Routenburg, Alexandra Grosse, Izabella K

Agenda Topics

Topic 1: Welcome and Greetings

- Greg opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Topic 2: Principal's Report

1. Paisley Road's Terry Fox Run, during the week of October 4th – October 8th, raised \$1,400 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

2. The Kindergarten staff purchased straw bales and small pumpkins and created an in-house pumpkin patch for our Kindergarten students to enjoy on Friday, October 15th. Each student was given a pumpkin to take home.

3. Halloween at Paisley Road PS will be celebrated with Black and Orange Day on Thursday, October 28th, since the following day is a PA Day. Students are encouraged to show their Halloween spirit by dressing in black and orange. If desired, students may also choose to dress up in their everyday clothes.

4. October 25th is Child Abuse Prevention Day. On this day, staff and students will be wearing purple as a way of collectively speaking up and sharing the message that child abuse and neglect can be prevented and that help is available.

5. Two extra-curricular activities have started at Paisley Road PS. Mrs. Gareau has started the Primary Choir while Mr. Higgins is offering intramural soccer to the Junior students. Following Public Health protocols, extra-curricular activities must be held outdoors as they involve students from many classes.

Topic 3: Review & Acceptance of September's Minutes

- Izabella moved to pass the minutes. Seconded by Andria. All in favour.

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report

- Not a lot to report as there weren't any transactions in September.

- Upcoming expenses (as previously approved) will be the memorial tree for Jay Parks.

Update: It (12 ft Oak tree) was planted in the bus loop at the front of the school. Now we are coordinating a date to do a small dedication after school hours.

Topic 5: Rapid Testing Discussion

- There was some discussion after the last meeting about setting up a program to use rapid tests in the school, but the provincial government has since canceled the use of these tests for the general population and only approved their use for businesses.

- The provincial government announced that they would be rolling out rapid tests for elementary schools. The use of rapid tests will be determined by the Medical Officer of Health based on epidemiological data.

Topic 6: Fundraising/Committee Creation

- In lieu of discussing fundraising in this meeting, we discussed creating a committee to brainstorm some fundraising ideas.
- Greg suggested asking the larger pool of council email contacts to see if anyone would be interested in joining the committee.
- Izabella offered to help head up the committee - but would need help to do so (One possible fundraiser: Lady Glaze donuts - selling gift cards for the shop, and 20% of the proceeds go to the school.)
- Greg will put Izabella in touch with those interested, and Izabella will craft the initial email.

Topic 7: Other

- There was a discussion about the struggles of finding full-time qualified French teachers to fill vacant positions.
- Kirk discussed the importance of being in communication with our local Trustees when issues like this arise.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10pm
Next Meeting Tuesday November 16th 6:30pm