

School Council
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 28, 2021

Opening:

Virtual meeting (due to Covid restrictions) called to order at 6:33pm

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal
Ashley Hopkins– Vice Principal
Karen Kennedy
Carly Ferris
Colleen Kee
Amber Gallagher
Annalea Kidd
Monica Watson
Andrea Jones Atkinson
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Melissa Irwin
Carli Lang
Amy Ouchterlony

Welcome: Marianne introduced herself and explained this meeting would be a slightly different format due to elections, a full meeting will be picked soon. She also mentioned the Teacher Rep will be Jen Robertson and the Community Rep Andrew James, neither were able to attend tonight's meeting.

Ashley Hopkins, the new VP, introduced herself. She stated she came from Peel and although she has experience in Grades 1-8 her main focus has been Grades 7-8.

Marianne gave the Primrose Land Acknowledgement.

Previous Minutes: Marianne gave a quick review of the relevant information from June's meeting. She stated that the new reading and language resources have arrived including Jolly Phonics to help bridge the gap the pandemic has caused. They have started extra math assessments occurring to provide additional resources to those children that need it due to the pandemic as well.

Eco school is now being headed up by Ashley and she and the Eco committee have been busily planning the year and more will be updated at the first full meeting.

The Breakfast Program is also up and running with a lot of money being spent to make sure every child has access to food. There will be a meeting scheduled with Ashley to further discuss the program.

The bottle drive from the spring raised over \$2500 for the playground. Amber is heading the committee and will give an update at the next meeting.

Principal's report: Marianne stated there are now 538 students registered at the school with an additional 12 online. She is not sure what that means for the future as Primrose is now at full capacity. That being said, the classes are not over the cap, Primary is sitting around 20 per class, Junior 26-27 and Intermediate at 28. There was no reorganization by the board. There have been a lot of LTO's for Mat leaves recently and a lot of teachers and Ece's leaving those LTO's for full time positions. They have been working hard to fill the spots quickly.

Marianne touched on the calendar of events on the agenda, stating that The Terry Fox Run and Purple Shirt Day is tomorrow (Wednesday Sept. 29th) and Orange Shirt Day in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Thursday. October 14th starts off the practice test for Grades 3 and 4 CCAT'S. It includes the Grade 4's as they did not do the testing last year. The same goes with the regular schedule of immunizations for Grade 7's, the Grade 8's will also be included as they missed last year due to Covid.

Marianne expressed again that it is important to check your child's Google Classroom for announcements and updates.

It was also noted that fundraising is allowed this year and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council Elections: Marianne reviewed that Karen Kennedy and Lisa Thompson were Co-Chairs last year, Carly Ferris Vice, Collen Kee Treasurer and Amber Gallagher Secretary. She reviewed the job description for each position. She stated Karen, Carly and Monica Watson applied for the Chair Position and Amber for the secretary. Voting never ended up taking place as Monica said she would be treasurer and Melissa Irwin volunteered for Secretary. The positions were officially filled as follows:

Co Chairs – Karen Kennedy & Carly Ferris

Vice Chair – Amber Gallagher

Treasurer – Monica Watson

Secretary – Melissa Irwin

Treasure Report: Colleen said there has been no changes since year end in June.

Questions: Carli Lang asked for clarification on the closure of classrooms due to a positive Covid case. Marianne stated that public health sets all the rules and she would confirm whether testing of non symptomatic students is required before returning to class after quarantine. Marianne also stated the new rules require 10 days not 14 for quarantine.

Annalea asked if the outside recess zones are mapped out or marked out. Marianne stated that they are both mapped and marked and they are working on making sure students are staying in their appropriate zone.

Adjournment:

Marianne adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Amber Gallagher

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.

Next Meeting Set For: Tuesday October 12th at 6:30 p.m.