

Sept 2020 SIB SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday Sept. 22nd, 2020 6:30pm

Mission Statement: *The mission of Sir Isaac Brock Public School is to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, and enable all students and staff to achieve their highest potential, through mutual respect, individual opportunity and support of school, home and community.*

Location - Virtual

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Chad Guyitt, Derek Tellis, Michelle MacDonald, Carrie Spencer, Bryon Hayes, Harpreet Jhooti, Amy Hunt, Janet MacKinnon, Kathy Vance, Tricia Agocs, Mahrukh Syed, Erica Eugenio, Robert Urbanic and Shilpa Vallabh

Our New VP Derek Tellis should be in the school in the next few weeks.

Financial Report:

Detailed Category Summary

Chocolate	\$6,727.58
Family Fun Night	\$4,600.61
Greening	\$746.86
Other	\$221.71
Parent Dance	\$130.00
Playground Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Student Res/Activities/Comm	\$515.16
Vendor Night	\$48.77
Overall Balance	\$15,490.71

Principal's Report

Chad would like to give a shout out to everyone. Staff appreciates everyone's support. He would like to commend all families and students on how calm and cool they have been through this different start of

the year. Teachers have been amazing, handling everything so well. He is very grateful for their understanding throughout all the transitions and changes that have occurred.

Communication: Chad encourages any suggestions/concerns anyone has. Please reach out to him. He will be keeping the website updated, as well as Twitter and Facebook. He is hoping that this is working. If there are other ways to communicate with families, please let him know.

Start-up is going really well. Everyone is trying to be flexible. Teachers/students are doing an incredible job.

As it stands right now there will be NO EQAO for Grade 3s and 6s or CCAT for Grade 3s (usually in October).

Open House – Unfortunately we can't have a traditional open house. Staff will be putting a virtual tour of their classroom for parents to see. Parents will be informed when this will happen. Hoping for October 5th.

Graduation: Last years grads, unfortunately can't do anything in terms of a gathering. Intermediate staff are working on an honour roll/presentation slide show to share with students and their families. Awards will be presented by a selected group of staff who will deliver to the students. There will also be a special presentation to honour Sashi Punchihewa. As we navigate throughout the year, we will try to come up with a plan for this year's grads.

Fundraising is on hold at this time.

From the BOARD:

As we continue to welcome students back into our schools and focus on new protocols to help keep students and staff safe, the Upper Grand District School Board has notified schools that school-organized fundraising will be paused at this time.

The board recognizes that fundraising is a big part of school culture, however at this time, the board would like focus on efforts to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our schools, and to that end limit the number of occasions where funds and goods are changing hands. There may still be some events that schools participate in, but without the fundraising component. The annual Terry Fox Run is one example of this. While individual classroom teachers may choose to take students out on the yard for a socially distanced walk/run, the school will not be collecting funds. Parents may, however, donate directly to the foundation online.

The UGDSB knows that there are many people in our families and communities who are in need and will work with schools and our community partners to continue to support those in need through community partnerships and direct support. The board also encourages families and students who are interested in supporting a cause to support them directly rather than through their school at this time.

The board will continue to revisit this decision and make adjustments accordingly, but for the time being we thank everyone for their understanding that school-organized fundraisers will be on hold.

~~~ at our next meeting, funds that were allocated last year, will have to be reallocated, depending on the needs of the school. Currently technology is the biggest expense.

Questions:

Robert Urbanic - Is there a plan to do a pulse survey for feedback from parents?

~~~in terms of how kids are feeling? Any concerns kids are having, concerns from parents

~~~student/parent voice

~~~any feedback would be nice to know

Chad: Super easy for us to do. Great to share with staff. Great to know what students/parents are thinking.

Robert to work with Chad to put a pulse survey together.

Erica Eugenio- new to our school. Has a son, Nicholas, in grade 2. She is Council Chair at Arbour Vista. She can help with questions for pulse survey.

Mahrukh - Cases are going up in Ontario --- If there is another lockdown, is there something set up for students attending school?

Chad - Board is driving the bus on this

If we do go into lockdown at any time, staff are reminded to be ready for that. It would not look like the Spring. It would be more face to face, like the online learning. Staff are coordinating currently with students.

Comments:

Robert- his children are happy to back. He has seen a fantastic transition and they are enjoying school.

Election of School Council Executives for 2020/2021

Council Co-Chairs: Shilpa Vallabh and Erica Eugenio

Director of Finance: Carrie Spencer

Director of Communication: Harpreet Jhooti

Our next ZOOM meeting will take place on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 6:30PM