

# Waverley Drive School Council Meeting

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:00 PM

Google Meet

## In Attendance:

Amy Ewing, Nikki Pettis, Jennifer Oussoren, Mary Calarco, Gabrielle Brankston, Melanie Mikkelsen, Nancy Nicol, Kumudinie Kariyapperuma, Jayme Sones, Farrah Trahan,

Guest: Caroline McCullough, North Riverside Neighbourhood Group

Item	Discussion	Action
Membership	Call to order, Land Acknowledgement	
Approval of Minutes	Sent via email, posted on school website and School Council FB page. Nikki approved, Kumudinie seconds	
Principal, VP & Teacher's Report	<p>Principal Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you to all parents for pivoting to online and moving forward together.</li><li>• Things seem to be going well and positive feedback has been received on the things the teachers are providing.</li><li>• Every Chromebook has been given out that was in the building.</li><li>• Received a shipment today of 20 new Chromebooks, 12 purchased by Council and 8 on behalf of the school.</li><li>• Survey to go out to parents about a session that would be put on by School Council was presented by Amy. Amy will send the survey out by Wednesday and hopefully have info available to share in the February meeting. Topics to choose from:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mental Health for children and adults,</li><li>○ learning more about STEM,</li><li>○ Science Experiment Kits,</li><li>○ Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.</li></ul></li><li>• Jen has been in the school all last week and this week signing out Chromebooks as well as helping and troubleshooting for families.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New Equity Plan for upcoming year from school board is actually a multi-year plan. We will move forward with professional development for staff around themes the board has identified for the Equity Plan.</li><li>● The school board has identified 4 area of focus.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Anti-colonialism</li><li>○ Anti-oppression</li><li>○ Anti-racism</li><li>○ Dismantling Anti-black racism</li></ul></li><li>● A staff meeting tomorrow will discuss with teachers the definitions of all areas, and also provide examples of what activities might look like in a classroom.</li><li>● A focus area identified earlier this year at the school was Black History Month. Resources are being pushed out to all teachers to be used not only in February but all the time.</li><li>● Another goal is increased professional learning.</li><li>● A voluntary book study is being offered to staff, book title; <u>Me and White Supremacy</u>.</li><li>● The school is very much focused on equity goals as well as encouraging and supporting the staff.</li><li>● Grade 8 students will be contacted soon to figure out which high school each student will be attending next year and getting courses selected in myBlueprint for high schools. Waverley staff will be meeting to figure out a unique and efficient process to get the decisions made as Guidance Counsellors are not available at this time.</li><li>● Different High Schools will be having information nights and information with dates and times will be sent out this week. Waverley will not be holding the usual grade 8 information night.</li><li>● Picture day – January date is no longer happening; backup date is currently set for February.</li><li>● Last year grade 7 (this year grade 8) students will be contacted regarding their fundraising money that they raised. As there will be no trip this year, the students will be contacted to see what they want to do with the fundraising</li></ul>	
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	<p>money. Receive a refund cheque or donate it to the school for future class trips for those who cannot afford it.</p>	
North Riverside Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Things are quiet right now. People are only being seen by appointment.</li> <li>● Kennedy is moving along with the online programs. That info should be coming out this week or next.</li> <li>● Check the website for all updates for online programming.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Are drivers still needed for the Market? A: Caroline will double check with Barb but believes they may be ok for right now.</p>	
PIC Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The committee involved with organizing the virtual sessions using the pro grant funding have met twice to finalize dates.</li> <li>● Save the date has been sent out for three sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 28th – theme: Navigating Pathways and Understanding new curriculum expectations. They will have keynote speakers and then breakout sessions (K-grade 3, grade 4-6, grade 6-8, high school and post-secondary)</li> <li>○ March 4th - Parents and Student success during a pandemic - Dr. Robyn Henley Stafford. Will also, have breakout sessions after the keynote presentation.</li> <li>○ April 8<sup>th</sup> - Details to follow</li> <li>○ Time: 6:30pm for approximately 1.5 hours.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New math curriculum and secondary de-streaming information will also be shared.</li> <li>● Amy noted the save the date and January date information was put on our school website and in turn gets posted to Facebook. Amy will send something to the new JK families.</li> </ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Balance was: \$6229.31 Chromebooks purchased at just over \$4,000 New Balance: \$2,269.38</p>	

New Business	<p>Q: Last meeting we discussed a group that was looking for donations of \$600, what group was that and how would you go about donating to that?</p> <p>A: It was for the North End Harvest Market Adopt a Week program and online donations can be made through the following link. You can specify where to apply your donation to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-neighborhood-support-coalition/">https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-neighborhood-support-coalition/</a></li> </ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjourned at 7:45 pm</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 pm.</li> </ul>	