

PDPS Community School Council Minutes

7th Virtual Meeting of the 2020/2021 School Year

Monday June 07, 2021 at 7:00pm

Via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Samantha Burns, Jessica Wagler, Trish Elcombe, Krista Allen, Henrik Ruhwedel, Becki Hamilton, Steve Conrad, Kim Maendel, Dawn Richmond, Tina Young sends her regrets.

Welcome to the Meeting: Samantha welcomes the group, discussion of previous minutes.

May Minutes Approval/Change Requests:

Motion to approve minutes: Krista Allen

Motion Seconded: Becki Hamilton

Principal's Report – Trish Elcombe

(notes provided by T. Elcombe)

Appreciations

Remote learning will continue for the remainder of the school year, and once again, we continue to be grateful for the support of our Panther families. Even though daily attendance is dropping, we continue to try to re-engage families. We know everyone is doing the best they can to support their children, while at the same time making well-being the focus for the family.

School Organization

At this time, we have had 15 students declare that they will be participating in Full Remote Learning for 2021-2022. We have not yet heard how this will affect our school classroom organization and staffing of 11 classrooms and 14.2 FTE teachers. We currently have 241 students enrolled for learning in person at PDPS next year, an increase of 31 students over our current numbers. This number does not include the 4 JK registrants who still need to complete their registrations. We hope to hear by Wednesday this week at the latest.

Mrs. Harkness has now returned full time to the Grade 1 classroom. We are also thrilled to have Mrs. Schultz back with us full-time. We are fortunate that Mrs. Farkas and Mrs. Martinez have been available to pick up some supply days through the month of June, as their long-term occasional contracts have now been completed.

At this time, we will be saying goodbye to the following staff at the end of June:

Mrs. Justrabo (Grade 1/2 teacher) – retirement

Mrs. Lowrick (Grade 2/3 teacher) – vacancy term complete

Mrs. Lepik (Educational Assistant) - surplus to the school

Ms. Sargent (Educational Assistant) – long-term assignment complete

Mrs. Schaffer (Noon Hour Supervisor) – unable to return to position

Safe Schools Team

Our Safe Schools Committee has completed the creation of our Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan which will be shared during the Parent Engagement section of the agenda this evening. Some of our will be participating in Restorative Practices Training in the month of June that will require their class to be 'asynchronous' for the most part of two days. This training is directly related to our 'Empathy' goal in our SISIP.

Grade 8 Graduation / In-Person Gatherings for Students

At this time, we will continue to plan a 'virtual' graduation celebration for our Grade 8 students. We are waiting for direction as to the 'in-person student gatherings' suggested by the Premier, and will let families know details as soon as they become available.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for your participation in our Book Fair. All profits from the sale will be put back into resources and materials for our Library Learning Commons.

Upcoming Dates

June is National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month

June 7 - Parent Council Meeting

June 11 - PA Day – no school for students

June 20 - Fathers' Day

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day, First Day of Summer

June 24 - Grade 8 Virtual Graduation

June 25 - Report Cards home

June 28 - last day of school, IEPs home

June 29 - PA Day – no school for students

Tuesday, September 7 is the first day of classes for 2021-2022

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to report as no funds earned from the rain barrel fundraiser have been received yet.

Committee Updates: Fundraising:

Rain barrel Fundraiser: 37 barrels sold, we are expecting to receive \$10 per barrel approximately. Sam to follow up with the rain barrel company, to find out when our last family's will receive their rain barrels. Entirely online fundraiser makes it tough to monitor the progress and where we are at with deliveries, and to provide answers to questions from our family's as well. Sam will provide feedback to the fundraising company.

Restaurant fundraiser idea: All 3 restaurants declined this idea, without very much feedback. Sam to follow up to find out the reasoning why they declined, in hopes of making this happen next year.

PIF - Parent Engagement Fund: \$1000 was available to our parent council to spend; we have spent just over \$900.

JK welcome tote bag: playdough recipe card, book – The Kissing Hand, counting/numeracy wooden coins in cloth bag, "Future Panthers" t-shirt (sponsored by Melissa Gardiner of Pixel Financial), info on parent council, info on community resources.

Grade 8 wellness kit: tote bag, journal, 6 coloured pen, silly putty, pack of gum, acupuncture ring, wellness cards to give information to set up healthy lifestyles, the items included are fidget items, tactile devices, and stress relievers. Also motivational sayings cards will be mailed out to our graduates 3 times a year during the next school year. First week of school in September; January "Sad Monday", and the last month of school – this will be a surprise for students to receive these motivational cards during their grade 9 year.

A big thank you to Camygirl Designs from Plattsville, for all the help with getting some items at cost price, and helped with designing and producing some items included in our kits.

Parent Engagement :

Well Being Board Strategic Plan – presentation

(SISP) Safe and Inclusive School Plan – video and presentation

Parent Council Wrap Up – a big thank you from Sam to all parents who have come to any meetings, and given input, and just been willing to listen and observe. Conclusion of our goals for this year: Covid has played a big role in our goals for the year and how we could achieve them. The well being of our students this year was the main focus. We were able to meet 4 times this year which was great to have the effort put forth by the parents and council members.

From Trish in terms of communication: do we feel that the Friday updates, newsletter, Facebook page are enough? Are we getting the info in a timely manner? Parents feel like Trish is doing a fantastic job at communicating with the parents and community. Information is always shared in a consistent and timely manner. Trish is always open to any suggestions from council and parent community.

Sam would love to see our numbers grow in our parent council and have a broader voice and more representation. Hopefully next year we will be able to focus on that.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm – Thanks for Attending!

Next Meeting Date: Fall of 2021.