

PDPS Community School Council Minutes

1st Virtual Meeting of the 2021/2022 School Year

Monday September 27, 2021 at 7:00pm

Via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Samantha Burns, Jessica Wagler, Trish Elcombe, Chrissy Schultz, Valerie Stuart, Kim Maendel, Henrik Ruhwedel, Becki Hamilton, Lindsay Kurt, Stacey Jorgensen. Dawn Richmond sends regrets tonight.

Welcome to the Meeting: Samantha welcomes the group, introductions of current council members, and new parents joining the meeting for the first time.

Conclusion of Last Year's Business:

Budget: Becki Hamilton: \$3,450.00 current balance unchanged from 2020/2021 (rain barrel funds earned have not yet been received.)

\$53.59 Mabel's Labels earned over the 2020/2021 school year. Spent \$525.00 Forest of Reading – books purchase.

Fundraising

\$345.00 funds raised from rain barrel sales from 2020/2021 – waiting for the check to arrive before we apply those funds to our budget.

Outdoor classroom and beautification project

Phase 1 and 2 installed over the summer – amphitheater /outdoor seating, slide with log safety zone.

Phase 3 possibly will include trees for shade at top of hill, stage at bottom of hill for outdoor performances.

Trish comments that the outdoor classroom is getting a lot of use by many classes with our current weather.

Principal's Report – Trish Elcombe

(notes provided by T. Elcombe)

Appreciations

Thanks to all School Community Members for their support, patience, and positive opening to the school year at Plattsville. Our Educators continue to have to be very flexible and have worked hard to create an overall safe, welcoming environment for the students. Thank you also to those who are volunteering their time to serve as Parent Council executive members, and those who are attending and supporting tonight.

School Organization

Currently we have 268 students registered at Plattsville, with 240 attending in person learning in 11 classrooms, 20 in our Grade 2 Virtual Class from a variety of schools and 8 additional remote learners in classes hosted by different schools in TVDSB. Our organization currently is 2xFDK, SK1, Gr1/2, 2xGr2/3, Gr3/4, Gr4/5, Gr5/6, Gr6/7 and Gr8. We have made it through 'reorganization' week, and thankfully we do not have to collapse classes or re-jig timetables at this time. We have welcomed several new staff this year: Ms. Wilkins our ECE in K2 (Ms. Knelsen on leave), Mrs. Wopereis in SK1 (Mrs. Bannon on leave), Mr. Gilmar in Gr. 4/5 (Ms. McNamara on leave until Feb.) and Mrs. Martinez our Education Assistant (Ms. Baker on leave). A list of staff and their roles is attached.

Communication with Home

Communication directly from the school is through SchoolMessenger. Important items and bulletins are also posted on the school website and our private Facebook page. Weekly updates are scheduled for Friday afternoons. We hope to also keep our remote learning families 'connected' throughout the year as to what is happening at the school. We currently have 205 members on the Facebook page. This page is separate from the Parent Council page. To access, please search "Plattsville & District Public School PDPS".

School-based Fundraising

At this time, we have been directed to continue to hold back on school-based fundraising. Phases 1 and 2 of the Greening Project has been completed with the installation of our stone amphitheatre and hillside slide, using funds raised up and until 2018-2019.

Nutrition Program

We are happy to announce that we will be able to go ahead with our Nutrition Program again this year. Our first scheduled delivery is to come next week. At this time, we are still unable to have volunteers in the building, so staff will be distributing items provided. We're grateful to be able to offer this critical program to our students. The Woodstock Salvation Army has also provided PDPS with a bucket filled with 'extra food' for students who may be hungry or have forgotten their lunches. They have offered to 're-stock' the bin as needed. It's wonderful to have this additional community support.

Upcoming Dates

September 27 to October 1 Truth and Reconciliation Week

Wednesday, September 29 Rowan's Law Day (concussion awareness) – wear purple

Thursday, September 30 Orange Shirt Day

Friday, October 1 Terry Fox Run (3rd block)

Friday, October 8 Terry Fox Run (rain date)

Monday, October 11 Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 25 Gr. 7 (and Gr. 8) Immunizations

Sunday, October 31 Halloween

Plattsville & District PS Staff List with Room Numbers

Room	Grade/Role	Teacher
116	K1	Mr. J. Barry/Mrs. T. Bender ECE
117	K2	Mrs. L. Harkness/Mrs. P. Wilkins ECE (leave Ms.T. Knelsen)
118	SK1	Mrs. Wopereis (leave Mrs. T. Bannon)
115	1 /2	Mrs. A. Livingston
125	2VC	Ms. A. Wesselson
111	2/3A	Mrs. K. Baller
106	2/3B	Mrs. M. Harris
107	3/4	Mrs. K. McRorie
110	4/5	Mr. C. Gilmar (leave Ms. M. McNamara)
109	5/6	Mrs. L. Finnigan
131	6/7	Mrs. A. Johnson
129	8	Mrs. N. Dickson
100	Library	Mrs. E. Finnie (ext. 42173)
105	Awesome Room	Mrs. L. Lively LST Mrs. C. Schultz EA, Mrs. P. Martinez EA (leave Ms. E. Baker)
108	French Office	Mrs. M. Dahmer
120	Gym	
126	Music	Mrs. E. Finnie
130	Empower	Mrs. L. Lively (ext. 42172)
105	Prep	Mrs. R. Werezak, Ms. K. Snider
124	Custodian	Ms. Cindy Chatterson Charge (ext. 42177), Mrs. J. Hutchinson Afternoon
102	Staff Room	Ext. 42176
104	Conference Room	Ext. 42174
	Kitchen	Ext. 42175
101	Office	Ms. T. Elcombe, Principal ext. 42171, Mrs. K. Harvey, Secretary ext. 42170
	Student Support Supervisors	Mrs. S. Tickner, Mrs. P. Fletcher, Mrs. S. Aguiar (Nov. 8)
	Bus Drivers	Sarah (Blue), Tara Lockhart (Yellow)
	School Psychologist	Dr. T. Burnie
	Speech & Language	Mrs. L. Schwartzentruber
	Math Facilitator	Ms. K. McLeod
	Special Education	LC Ms. A. Bedard

Attendance & Social Work	Ms. L. Kovacic
Itinerant LTO	Ms. M.B. Bauer
ESL Teacher	Ms. L. Banbury
Deaf & Hard of Hearing	Mr. I. O'Neill
Special Education TOSA	Ms. A. Sage
Assistive Technology TOSA	Ms. S. Berlin
Superintendent	Mr. D. Wright
Admin Assistant to SO	Ms. L. Szymanski

Code of Conduct/Dress Code/Use of Tech Code for review

Trish has a proposed draft copy for our Code of Conduct, Dress Code and Student Expectations based on the notes and ideas from previous council meetings. The Use of Personal Electronics Policy has changed somewhat due to COVID; some students are being encouraged to use their own personal electronics during instructional time, due to a shortage of board supplied technology. The use of personal technology must be monitored directly by the teacher during instructional time. Cell phone lockers are available in the older classrooms to keep phones safe. Parents are welcome to give feedback to this working document. This will be put out to the school community for other suggestions and revisions and will be discussed at the next parent council meeting.

Hot lunch program and fundraising goals

We are hopeful that these programs may resume sometime this fall. We want to be thinking ahead and planning because Hot lunch is our biggest fundraiser. What types of foods do parents and families want to see available? How often are parents looking to have a hot lunch available? Sam would like to reach out to families via social media, with a poll to get some feedback. Sam would like to reach out to our local restaurants to see if they are able to participate in our school Hot lunch program.

Fundraising Goals: update to electronic equipment - is that still a need within our school?

Over the summer our school was able to purchase 15 new Chromebooks with board budgeted funds.

Currently Trish says we are ok for our technology needs, our biggest expense is to replace iPad cords and chargers.

Gym items are due to be replaced, older gym equipment has been inventoried and many items will need to be replaced. This could be a possible fundraising goal for our parent council.

Phase 3 of our Greening and Beautification project could also be an ongoing fundraising idea. Look into the possibility of putting in a walking path or stepping stones in the marshy back corner of the school yard where parents and students are accessing the school yard.

Elections for the 2021/22 school year

Co-Chairs: Samantha Burns and Henrik Ruwedel

Treasurer: Stacey Jorgensen

Secretary: Jessica Wagler

Parent Reps : Dawn Richmond, Kim Maendel, Valerie Stuart

any remaining parent rep roles can be open to nominations at the next meeting

Call for new business

Ongoing business – the letters to the grade 8's from the "farewell kits" last year are still being sent on specific dates this year. The New grade 9 students received their motivational letter during the first week of school, wishing them good luck and encouragement and letting them know that they will always be Plattsville Panthers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm – Thanks for Attending!

Next Meeting Date: Monday November 1 at 7:00pm