

**PDPS Community School Council Minutes**  
**1st Virtual Meeting of the 2020/2021 School Year**  
Wednesday September 30, 2020 7:00pm  
Via Microsoft Teams

**In Attendance:** Tina Young, Samantha Burns, Jessica Wagler, Trish Elcombe, Chrissy Schultz, Becki Hamilton, Dawn Richmond, Carrie Sullivan, Stacey Jorgensen, Kim Maendel, Krista Allen, Michelle VanDergaag

**Welcome to the Meeting:** Samantha welcomes the group to the first virtual meeting of our school year 20/21.

**Principal's Report – Trish Elcombe**

**(notes provided by T. Elcombe)**

**Appreciations:** I'd personally like to thank all School Community Members for their support, patience and positive welcome to Plattsville. Thanks also to families who helped to prepare the students for re-opening and have been very responsive and flexible to the changes to protocols that seem to happen almost daily. Our Educators have had to be very flexible and have worked hard to create a safe, welcome 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 206 students attending in person learning in 10 classrooms: 2xFDK, Gr1, Gr1/2, Gr2/3, Gr3, Gr4, Gr5/6, Gr6/7 and Gr7/8. We started with 39 students in Full Remote Learning. Seven students have now been demitted from the school roster to home school. I have been in contact with those families and their plan is to re-register at PDPS when things return to a more 'normal' state. We are currently in 'reorganization' week – thankfully, we do not have to collapse classes or re-jig timetables at this time. However, for the best interests of some students, we may be making minor moves to adjust numbers in classrooms. Families affected will be notified Thursday/Friday and the changes will take place as of Monday, October 5.

**Communication with Home:** Communication directly from the school is through SchoolMessenger. Important items and bulletins are also posted on the school website. A new private Facebook page was created this summer to help families 'keep up' with ever changing information and as a forum to be able to answer common questions. We also hope to keep our remote learning families 'connected' throughout the year as to what is happening at the school. We currently have 178 members. This page is separate from the Parent Council page. To access, please search "Plattsville & District Public School PDPS".

**School-based Fundraising:** At this time, there will be no school-based fundraising. A major portion of our fundraising has come from the Hot Lunch program every year, unfortunately at this time the Hot Lunch program will not be able to run due to Covid Protocol. Phases 1 and 2 of the Greening Project will go ahead from monies collected in the past few years toward the amphitheater, slide and stage area outside of the primary doors. We hope that this project will get underway before the winter!

**Nutrition Program:** We are happy to announce that we will be able to go ahead with our Nutrition Program. We have three parents willing to do the purchasing and menu creation of pre-packaged and natural packaged foods, and a staff member willing to take on the role of preparing and distributing the food to students, three times per week. We are 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.

**School Goals:** Our school is required to have a Literacy, Numeracy and Well-being goal for this school year. The focus at start-up this year has been welcoming students back to school, as well as introducing and practicing the new routines and protocols. We will be meeting as a staff on Oct. 5 to begin to develop our goals and strategies for the year. We have a new Math Curriculum from the Ministry that we will be 'unpacking' through the year. One of the biggest changes is the number of 'strands' moves from 5 to 6. The Measurement and Geometry strands have been combined into 'Spatial Sense', there is a new 'Social Emotional Learning' strand focusing on positive mathematics experiences and mindsets which will be interwoven amongst the other 5 strands, and the creation of the 'Financial Literacy' strand. This final strand for the most part pulls expectations from other strands of the 2005 curriculum. Future Parent Engagement portions of the Parent Council meetings will be to share key elements of the new curriculum.

**Other Information:** Mrs. Baker had a baby boy on Monday evening – the ambulance at the school was not for a 'covid-related' case! Congratulations to Mrs. Baker !! We currently have a posting for a 0.6 full time equivalent teacher in the Grade 2/3 class. The posting closes on Monday, October 5 at which time we will interview for candidates for the position. Should we not have any applications, we will be able to offer the position to the current Occasional Teacher in the role, Mrs. Lowrick.

**Parent Council Roles and Voting:** Each person currently in a role on council shared a short description of their role, and also of the other committees within our Parent Council.

**Chair or Co-chair:** Samantha Burns - self nomination in writing. No other nominations received in advance. Samantha Burns accepts, and is acclaimed to that position for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Secretary:** Jessica Wagler – self nomination in writing. No other nominations received in advance. Jessica Wagler accepts, and is acclaimed to that position for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Treasurer:** No submitted written nomination for role of treasurer. Becki Hamilton self-nomination from the floor. Becki Hamilton accepts, and is acclaimed to that position for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Parent Representatives:** Dawn Richmond self-nomination in writing; Krista Allen self-nomination from the floor. Tina Young self-nomination from the floor; Michelle Vandergaag self-nomination from the floor.

4 candidates total for 5 open roles; all 4 have accepted and are acclaimed as parent reps for the 2020/2021 school year. **Community Representative:** No submitted written nominations, No Community Rep. at this time.

**Parent Engagement** – At the next Parent Council meeting Trish will prepare a parent engagement activity outlining the differences between the new and old math curriculum.

**Next meeting:** Meeting times and dates were usually scheduled in conjunction with the staff meeting at the school. Agenda for the next meeting, and meeting link will be shared privately via email with all school community parents.

Please do NOT share the meeting links on any social media platforms due to privacy laws.

**Next Meeting date: Monday October 26 at 7pm**

**Last Comments:** Chrissy Schultz: Please share with your children that they are all doing a fantastic job with all the protocols of hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing!! They have been so resilient! Kudos to them.

**Meeting Adjourned at \_8:06\_ pm – Thanks for Attending!**