

PLR School Council Meeting

October 4, 2021

6:30pm

Attendees: Fawzia Poonah, Nikki Whalen, Jenny Trew, Jodi Watson, Kim Langille, Kristine Lukaweky, Marcia G, Marcy Lackey, Navneet Singh, Jody Chaffey, Nicole Trotter-Williams, Rachel Woods, Sean McCarthy, Srini Chandru

Regrets: Marcy Barlas

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Welcome new executive: Kim (co-chair), Fawia (co-chair), Michelle (treasurer), secretary (TBD)
- ❖ Thank you to former council
- ❖ Financial Update
 - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) funds balance \$910
- ❖ PIC rep needed
- ❖ Principal / Vice-Principal report:
 - Events & recognition at PLR
 - Cross country, Terry Fox, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Cross country participation had to be limited for COVID reasons but hope to resume to participation-based event in future years, where PLR excels at bringing buses and buses of eager students
 - Fred Fox spoke to students (Terry's brother)
 - Mr. Zipay taught the kids the school's Terry Fox song
 - Recognized NDT&R on Thursday - orange shirts, great discussions in classrooms and some educational opportunities through books, etc.
 - Ms. Khoury - Equity lead in the school is working to support equity learning for all students
 - Unlearn - Staff Learning
 - Organization focused on equity and inclusion. Came to our meeting last year.
 - School Health & Safety Protocols/COVID Updates
 - K-8 expected to wear masks. Our youngest students are adapting well. Students are remembering to wear masks, sanitize/wash hands, and stick to their cohorts at recess. They are doing a great job!
 - 1 case of COVID the first week of school. No cases since. No school related spread.
 - Staff monitoring students who may not be feeling well while at school.
 - Reminder that if your child does not pass the screening in the morning, they are required to be home. Follow instructions for 1) covid test, 2) alternative diagnosis, OR 3) stay home for 10 days.
 - As this is our second in-person year with these health protocols, they are familiar to us and everyone is doing their best.

- Reorganization
 - Families were given the opportunity to change learning methods (virtual/in-person). Net difference between two programs of 12 students to virtual for the October 12th change.
 - Even though there are lower numbers, there will still need to be a reorganization. Less students than we were originally staffed for. This coincides with the normal reorganization that happens every school year in the first couple weeks but the board decided to do it together with the learning module switch.
 - 950 students this year. Staffed for under 1000 students. School board makes decisions on staffing levels. Class ¾-FI removed from our organization. Ms. Perrin will be moving to another school. Parents were notified today that kids will be redistributed. Calls will be made to the grade 3 parents as there are some options available to them.
 - Have been asked to move a limited number of students around in the English stream. Calls will be made on Tuesday and the first day in the new classroom is going to be October 12.
 - We still can't have visitors in the school so there will not be a meet the teacher night this year.
- Other questions
- Unlearn - Family Engagement
 - Starting next week, there will be a virtual unlearn design as part of the newsletter and a google form will be provided for input.
- **Next meeting: Monday October 18.**
 - **Action item 1) Consider volunteering for the secretary position**
 - **Action item 2) Consider volunteering as the PIC rep**
 - **Action item 3) Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome!**