

School Council Meeting- Minutes

April 4th , 2022

Attendees:

Lisa Markham, Alison Hodd, Valerie Prestie, Doug Renton, Shahan, Farooq, Doug Renton, Jonathan Kamin, Martine Mouile, Mac McDonald, Richa Mittal

| Responsibility | |
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| Welcome & Approval of last meeting's minutes | Melissa |
| Student Ambassadors: Raya, Nicola, Sophie, Nicola, Riyana -introduced student ambassadors Topics discussed: -spirit days : first Monday of every month and other special days -recess helper programs: problem solving cards -admin meetings: student voice, link between students and administration | |
| Treasurer's Report | MAC |
| Principal & Vice Principal's Report School Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Site/ Greening Project Update – see slide<ul style="list-style-type: none">-what works well with use of outdoor space-what challenges does the current space present-what changes have occurred since the implementation of COVID protocols? What works well, what are the challenges?-what are the positive aspects of the current space, what could be improved?-how does the community use the space, what could be improved to encourage greater community participation?-what improvements would you like to see with the design-what works well or site lines, usability Site plan considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none">-creation of 'zones' that promote different types of activities for different ages – eg spaces for more structured active/sports, more reflective, more open ended promoting physical activity-incorporation of linkages between zones that promote physical activity and social development | - |

- shade
- modification of topography of the site to promote activity
- estimated project budget (\$40 000per year for 4 years) – cost of materials will change this
- phased approach that can be completed over time

Shared the concept plan

- regrading field
- creation of pathway
- seating area
- moving basketball court

- Graduation Update
 - covid restrictions lifted
 - June 22 grade 8 graduation at the school, followed by Noble Hall dinner and event
 - parent community has been formed to help with the planning
- Have Your Say – April 11th
 - asking parents in any grade to complete survey
 - student in higher grades as well asked to complete survey
- EQAO
 - April 13th 11:45 newcomer parent info session
 - online test
 - same format as previous with respect to content
- Student Focus
 - next sharing assembly: April 26th, focus is ‘taking care of each other’
 - Golden Griffen Award
 - School year book – will be offered to all students this year
- Parent focus
 - Messaging will go out in May to provide families with the opportunity to share information , via a Google form, that may help with class building for next year, we will not be able to accept late requests for specific teachers or requests made via email or in person (input on what type of teacher your child works well with, input on what type of classroom is best for your child)
 - Launching parent learning and supporting series
 - Hello Hope – March 23rd
 - Danielle’s Place Presentation: Thursday April 7 @ 1 pm
 - information about substance abuse, self-confidence, mental health, eating disorders
 - May 5th tentative date – Adapt presentation that will cover topics including cannabis, alcohol, vaping/smoking as well as prescription

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| <p>medication. Also the stages of change and the signs to note regarding when there might be an issue with substance</p> <p>Staff Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD Day April 25th update -focus on the following <p>Literacy: Role of phonics/word work in literacy teaching and learning The progression of phonics development and instruction across the grades, Strategies and resources for tier 1 phonics instruction and assessment</p> <p>Preparing for EQOA Understanding assessments Supporting student now and during assessment Exploring the E-assessment platform Administrator and educator technology support and responsibility</p> <p>Self or School Directed Professional Learning A menu of modules/recordings/guiding questions will be provided (specific items from this list that connect to the mornings learning will be highlighted for each access) or schools can engage in other learning related to achievement or well being</p> | |
| <p>Teacher's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staff book club: Growing Great Qualities in Kids: Michael Brandwein -look for any signs of excellent behavior then respond to it (describe it, label it, praise it) - posters up in kindergarten classes, students responding <p>-move towards more inclusive language -utilizing non gendered language creates a safe and brave space where students are empowered to be their true selves</p> <p>Presenter: Aubrey Noronha- hellohope.ca</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -admit, admit, admit -learn, learn, learn -get comfortable getting uncomfortable -live like we are family -put privilege in its proper place <p>Student engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -looking at creating a student mural for the school -currently in sketching phase | <p>Nicole</p> |

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| <p>-recess helpers</p> <p>School spirit</p> <p>-new mascot to begin making special appearances</p> <p>-first Monday of each month will be MAG spirit day</p> <p>Student let Activities</p> <p>-Film club</p> <p>-Creative writing club – grade 6-8 and junior grade 3-5</p> <p>-Revisit grade 8 to get a few more up and running (chess, math club, primary art club etc)</p> | |
| <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza / Cobbs / Pita / Lunch Lady update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -new block started last week (numbers similar – 388 pizza orders, feedback has been good with Panago) -pita – block 2 today , down 31, 125 first block, 87 this week (108\$/week rough profit) | <p>Val / Melissa</p> |
| <p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2nd | <p>Melissa</p> |