

Portage View Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Monday October 19, 2020 5:00pm via Zoom

Mr. Prouty called the meeting to order at 5:06.

All members were asked to introduce themselves, previous experience on the school council and within the school.

Attendance

Deb O'Neill  
Jaime Upham  
Sarah Vibert  
Geri Moore  
Kat Henderson  
Sue Moxam  
Michelle Hedderly  
Rebecca Ramdeholl  
Sandy Barker  
Michelle Pratt  
Jacquie Raycraft  
Jennifer Morris  
Jocelyn Broomhead

Rob began by giving an overview of how the council has run in previous years. Meetings have been held monthly in the past; however, the requirements for the school council state that the council is only required to have 4 meetings per year. At this time, all meetings must be held online as a result of Covid 19 protocols. This requirement is one change that Rob anticipates and hopes to continue to offer even once meetings can be resumed in person in order to increase parent involvement on the committee.

Rob also detailed that with the exception of the first meeting the principal or vice-principal is not to be held responsible for chairing the parent council meeting. At this time, he asked that we elect members to the executive. Kat Henderson and Michelle Hedderly put their names forward to be co-chairs of the committee. Jaime Upham agreed to the position of secretary.

Principal's Report

- Rob reviewed that the only fundraising that has been completed so far and is anticipated for the time being was Terry Fox. To date the school has raised \$1015, exceeding the school goal of \$600. As a result, students were awarded hat day and pajama day to celebrate.
- With winter and nastier weather getting closer, coat hooks in the hall will begin being used again soon. To ensure social distancing, one half of the class will access hooks while the other half wait and then swap. Indoor shoes will also be able to be stored at the school.
- Currently Portage View has 140 students enrolled in Learn@Home (distance) learning of the school population of 600.
- Currently, to allow for additional space for social distancing on the schoolyard, half of the school stays in and eats while the other half is outside for recess and they then swap.
  - This has reduced the number of issues on the schoolyard
- The school has been outfitted with arrows in the hallways to ensure students can properly distance themselves.
- Only four students may be in a bathroom at a time.
- Water fountains are not in use however, the water bottle filling station is available and a second water bottle filling station will be installed outside the Grade 8 classrooms soon.

### Teacher's Report - Jacquie Raycraft

- Orange shirt day was observed on September 30
- Classrooms will vote this coming week on the ultimate Terry Fox reward for exceeding the school goal
- Planning has begun for the Remembrance Day ceremony

### Fundraising

- Rob explained that fundraising may occur this year but that it must be reimagined so that it does not require students to go door to door and that it does not involve pick up of materials at the school.
- Sandy and Rob will go over fundraising possibilities this month and will present some possibilities next month
- Rob did express that it would be nice to keep some fundraising dollars on hand in the event that a year-end school BBQ can take place.
- One item of interest was spirit wear

### Open Questions

- Rob was asked if the community closet is currently open. He expressed that in its previous mode it is not but that educators have been able to access the contents of the closet to get shoes and coats for students if needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020, at 5:00 pm via Zoom

The meeting concluded at 5:48 pm.