

MINUTES

Portage View School Council Zoom Meeting

October 4, 2021 | 5:00 pm | Zoom Meeting called to order by Kevin Stapleton, Principal

In Attendance

Jennifer Armstrong, Sandy Barker, Michelle Hedderly, Kat Henderson, Laura Martin, Amber Mazurkiewicz, Sue Moxam, Michelle Pratt, Jacquie Raycraft, Kevin Stapleton

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Call to order 5:00 pm. Kevin welcomed new and returning members to council. Members introduced themselves, including their role at PVPS, whether a parent or a staff member. He also touched on the upcoming meeting with Linda Quenell, the local health nurse that is assigned to our school. Questions that he will be seeking answers to include:

- Intermurals – can we run?
- Hot lunches – what are we able to do?
- Community Closet donations – can we accept donations?
- Gift Gala – can we run?
- Pods – 1 or 2 cohorts?

2. Elections

Chair Nominations

A motion to elect Michelle Hedderly as Co-Chair was made by Kat Henderson.

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All present voted in favour. Carried. Michelle Hedderly and Kat Henderson, Co-Chairs, PVPS School Council, 2021-22.

Michelle Pratt confirmed as Secretary.

Voting members: Laura Martin, Amber Mazurkiewicz

Community Rep: Jennifer Armstrong

Non-Teaching Rep: Sandy Barker

Teaching Rep: Jacquie Raycraft

3. School Report – Kevin Stapleton

Start-up during COVID:

- School is following provincial guidelines

Restricted yard and driveway

- Parents no longer able to access school yard; yard is accessed by students at 8:55 and not before; 15-minute rule – fully masked with cohorts

- 18 buses access bus lanes in 2 different time slots; some buses are shared with Hillcrest PS; school vehicles have priority in bus lanes

Cohorting of classes in and outside

- yard is broken up into 11 zones; split lunches – half of students in/half out during nutrition and break times; students are to remain with their cohorts during outside breaks

Usable spaces (library / gym)

- Library is up and running
- Gym schedule has been posted for classroom teachers to sign up for times
- Courtyard is in transformation; have limited funds available through fundraising from Bradford Greenhouse from previous years; potentially laying sod and building a gazebo
- Design & tech will be back in some form; Jacquie Raycraft will help facilitate hands-on learning

PPE & safety for all

- No concerns with wearing of masks; teachers are taking students outside for plenty of breaks

Asynch platform, L@H, in-class

- Learn@Home option is closed
- Async – google classrooms; student can access assignments; not a replication of a classroom, teachers post work the beginning of week and students submit at the end of each week
- Synchronous - teacher engagement classes that have to isolate due to a classroom closure

Teacher Report Update (Jacquie Raycraft)

- Go For Gold – Childhood Cancer Awareness – great participation by both staff and students
- Dot Day
- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- Flag Football (intermediates)
- Global Read Aloud

4. Fundraising

- A plan needs to be in place. What will it look like? What are we fundraising for?
- Suggestion from Kevin – BB courts need attention. It was suggested by Amber that we look for a group of people (parent volunteers) to hang nets, paint lines, etc. to offset costs of paying a professional.

5. Field Trips

- Virtual field trips only
- Virtual presentations

6. Hot Lunch Program

- LunchBox, Kev Group (SchoolCash Online) is now running hot lunch programs through Board approved vendors; Sandy spoke on the profit margins when using this option, e.g., if a pizza costs \$6, the school would receive \$1.00 profit and LunchBox would get .50 per pizza sold from the \$6.00
- A survey was sent out to school staff asking how many hot lunch days they would be comfortable with – response was 2 per week

7. Spirit Wear

- Was organized and run by parent volunteers last year; online ordering directly with the company (Fully Promoted); contactless pick-up by parents at school (drive through pick-up)
- Council will investigate other options to see if this could be a profit making fundraiser for the school

8. Other Business

- Harvest Bible Chapter – we are receiving outreach support for students with needs, e.g., clothing

9. Questions & Answers

- School bus seat changes – will parents be updated/notified when a seat change occurs. NO. Seating is assigned by consortium, not by school. Although, the school has requested changes in order to keep families and/or cohorts seated together.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:00 pm and was passed unanimously.

11. Next Zoom Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021, 5:00 pm