



Joint School Council/Fundraising Association

MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 21, 2021

7:00 pm

Meeting chaired by: Kashlea Budgel & Richard Thorne

Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Agenda: Kashlea Budgell/James Sedgwick

Attendees: Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Kashlea Budgell, Char Van Driesten, Karla Power, Barb Rex, Amanda Walsh, Jillaine Proudfoot, Brittany Dean, Sarah Keelan

Item	Topic	Owner
1	School Council Meeting begins: Welcome, housekeeping and introductions	Rick/Kashlea
2	Review/approval of previous meeting minutes. Approval-Moved by Barb and seconded by Kashlea. Motion Carried. Minutes are also posted on the website.	
3	Additions/approval of agenda- No additions. Moved by Karla.	
4	Principal's Report I am CG first Principal, and I am extremely proud of our school. I am ready to get covid behind us, but I am sure we learned lots through these past two years. I was pulled away from the school and James has been amazing in filling in my gaps. Huge thank you to James! 566 is our official enrolment for school year. This number is likely to stay, given the current situation. Our school is ever changing, we gain and we loose students in every week of the year. In 2017 we were had 155 enrolments so we have come a far way. Covid knocked it down by about 70 students, which caused a closure of an ECDP classroom last year. We are now the 2nd largest elementary school in the city behind Walter	Rick

	<p>and Gladys.</p> <p>Staffing has changed again, and the boards have been conservative with budgets. But we received two new positions, which have been hard to fill due to a teacher shortage. Because these positions are seeing a shortage, we are arranging as we go (with the permission from parents). We will start a new 2/3 split on Monday!</p> <p>We also hired two EA's. EA positions are also seeing a huge decline in applicants. Especially for casuals.</p> <p>Covid update- this year has been harder than last, it is a huge challenge to send children home as we follow the AHS guild lines. As a school we have managed very well and rapid testing is now available for staff.</p> <p>Parking- our changes to parking were made for two reasons were safety of the students and accommodating staff in the staff parking lot. It has been taken on very well by the parents. We are always open to suggestions and input.</p> <p>We had purchased 4 buddy benches through the fundraising committee which are out and being used!!</p> <p>Student progress- PTI's will be held November 3rd and 4th, we would have done them early in October though due to Covid and delays we choose to push them back. Teachers will be sending out that specific information shortly.</p> <p>The role of school council is advisory. We work in tandem and it is a two way street. I can't stress just how important this committee is, and the large role it plays in our school.</p> <p>Kashlea and Richard to share the guidelines for the council</p>	
5	<p>Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Report</p> <p>The Inclusion Advisory Committee was started in 2019 to bring staff and parents together who feel strongly about inclusion. In the past two years we have advised on small projects and worked with the fundraising committee to support our students needs. We aim as well, to educate the parents and staff on inclusion. Our biggest project is the inclusion playground! We had fundraised \$92,000 towards this project. We then approached the RMWB council to fund the rest of the project. The \$150,000 goal was reached and the playground is underway. A vender will be awarded Oct</p>	Karla

	<p>31st. Spring 2022 we should be breaking ground and playing on it by September. This playground will join onto the exhausting playground and to encourage all students to play!</p> <p>Richard stepped in to give huge thanks to Karla for taking this project on almost single handedly. “We are so appreciative of her and all her work! And I am incredibly proud of this advisory committee and how it has become a huge part of our school.”</p> <p>We have also been asked to participate in a video series on how inclusive the playgrounds are around the city. “Possibility Playgrounds” on Facebook is how you can view (and share) these video’s!</p> <p>Karla will be releasing a special day calendar. This will provide parents with the dates of inclusion (Autism day etc).</p> <p>We are also looking for some student input in this committee, starting next week Karla will be speaking to all the grades and asking how the school can be more inclusive!</p> <p>We will also be inviting our superintendent and interm superintendent to our meetings! Come January we will be extending the invite to committee at all schools and parents so this committee might be possible in other schools in the city.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held November 17th at 7:00pm all are welcome to join</p>	
6	<p>Fundraising Committee Update</p> <p>The new committee is rolling into place!</p> <p>Growing smiles will launch tomorrow! We would love to be able to do a pick up at the school. Richard will find out if this is possible and respond back. November 25th will be the last day to order and delivery will be on December 9th.</p> <p>Art cards by kids will be sent away tomorrow.</p> <p>Mabels labels code is out!</p> <p>We are looking for a student advisor, as students can have an input and be our voice within the student body. Richard remarked that we are a leader in me school, and this fits the</p>	Barbara

	bill! This is a great opportunity. The staff light house team would be a great avenue to approach this!	
7	<p>Networks Committee Report</p> <p>This is a committee of all the school councils. Along with the Joint Network Meeting that also includes school administrative. This meeting was cancelled, it will need to be added to next parent council meeting agenda. The next Network council meeting will be in February. Executives would be required to attend.</p> <p>Kashlea and Richard to discuss and come to a conclusion.</p>	
8	Agenda items for next meeting	
9	Next meeting date:November 25th 2021 at 7:00pm	
10	Meeting Adjourned 7:57pm	