

**Start time → 7:00pm – 8:31pm**

**Attendees: Online Meeting**

*Dr. Malcolm Richmon; Voula Kladis; Mandy Stenzler; Homa Alammanesh; Jennifer Leung; Adelaide Nguyen; Sabrina Costa; Sherri Sbeih; Elena Haramis; Andrea Chow; R. Lin.*

1. Welcome
2. Review of Minutes (October 2020)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Co-Chairs' Report (Voula, Jennifer)
  - Indoor Recess Fun: Ping Pong sets provided to the students. Looking for other ideas for indoor recess activities.
  - Limcombe Construction: There are issues that students cannot access the school by walking. There is a lot of mud blocking the walkway. Reached out to Keith Irish, who has not responded. Dr. Richmon reached out and is waiting for some type of rock to cover the mud to help the walkers.
  - Park Update: Shared on Facebook what the park will look like when completed. Aiming to be completed by the middle of November 2020.
  - Allotting budget to each teacher for supplies: Looking into ways to spend funds from council. Funds should be spent in the current year but due to the unprecedented times, we were unable to last year. Last year, recess games were purchased.
    - Considering enhancements for the school classes. Students are very limited on what they can do during indoor recess.
    - Considering investing into indoor recess kits for each student. Exploring different options for the kits.
  - PRO Grant: Not sure if this will be going forward. If approved to go forward with a virtual pro grant, one consideration is scientist in the classroom. Looking for other suggestions.
  - Virtual Lost and Found: As the weather changes lost and found will become more of an issue.
    - Looking if there is a way council can help with lost and found by logging it virtually, maybe on Facebook.
    - Take a high def picture to show all lost and found items. Parents would be able to see the items and let their child know to pick them up.
    - It is recommended that all students make sure their personal items are labelled.
5. Treasurer's Report (Elena)
  - Opening balance \$18,201.75
  - General account is \$15,540.54
  - Pizza Fund: \$ 2,661.21
  - Grand Total: \$18,201.75
6. Principal's Report November 2020 (Dr. Richmon)
  - School Site
    - Fire System Replacement Completed
      - Inspected and Tested
    - Ongoing City of Markham Work

- Some continued construction frustrations
  - Fencing, obstructed sidewalks, obstructed bus zones
  - Overall receding
- School connects to municipal lines
- Outdoor Classroom (Greening Project)
  - First phase completed
  - Second phase now completed
    - Autumn Blaze Maple
    - Hackberry
    - Honey Locust
- No portable on site; no guaranteed snow clearing
  - Regional inquiry into more general snow clearing across all schools
- Acquisitions
  - Technology Refresh (all Media Cart computers replaced)
  - Document cameras added to all computer carts
- Possible future considerations
  - Technology items (Chromebooks/iPads)
    - Forthcoming protocol for technology ‘retrieval’ from earlier loaned technology; new Chromebooks incoming based on portion of those shared out
    - Cost Sharing ‘paused’ this year
  - Digital Projectors (HDMI inputs vs. VGA)
  - Math Resources and Manipulatives
    - Robotics
  - Bluetooth Speakers
  - Athletic Uniforms
  - Regional acquisitions
    - Digital tools (Raz Plus, PM Series)
- School Based Items
  - Significant Emphasis on COVID-19 Mitigation
    - Policies
    - Protocols
  - Working with Public Health
    - Public Health investigates, initiates contact tracing
      - Staff, students, occasional teachers, external workers
    - Cleaning protocols initiated
    - Public Health issues an outbreak investigator
    - Provisions for migrating to online learning
    - Remain on monitoring from 14 days from last exposure
      - Continuous evaluation
      - Removed from monitoring status
      - Thankfully, no secondary infection
  - Ongoing Daily Provincial Reporting
  - Pumpkin Designing Contest
    - Thank our partners at local Longo’s for Donations
  - Snacking program

- Formally expanded to three food groups, predominantly fruit and vegetable, occasionally dairy, sometimes (whole grain) snacks
- Launched our Food Drive
  - Food bank use increased; first time used increased significantly
  - This year we're partnering with the Markham Food Bank
  - Donate within class or drop off donations outside
- Virtual Book Fair (Scholastic)
  - Nov 16-27
  - Items delivered directly to homes
  - Flat shipping fee, free over \$35
- Toy Mountain
  - No event possibility; submit student photos/media with signed release
  - (Or simply 'share' with parents)
- Met as family of schools
- Possibility of revisions to Director's Annual Plan
- Make determinations about revisions to our School Improvement Plan
  - Challenges in the absence of data/being a school of this size
  - Exploring implementation possibilities
- Continued Regional Emphasis on Underserved/Underperforming Students
- New Math Curriculum
- Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
- Modern Learning
- Well-Being
- Assessment
  - This year Parent-Teacher Interviews Precede Progress Reports
  - Progress Reports reliant on professional judgement
    - Three progress indicators
- January/End of January survey of change of school model
  - F2F to EVS and vice versa

7.0 Update from School Council Executive Positions and Volunteer Recruitment

7.1 Lunch time Programs Chair (Adelaide - On Hold)

7.2 Lunch time Food Chair (Homa - On Hold)

7.3 Fundraising Chair (Sherri) (Fundscript, Baked with Joy)

- We were looking into giving back to the community, but the logistics made it difficult.
- Currently looking into Fundscript, a gift card fundraiser.
  - Dr. Richmon will send out a link that will bring parents to a website to buy gift cards.
  - Sold at face value, they are actual gift cards, the retailer gives back 2-5% to the school fundraising fund.
  - Need to decide on a launch date, looking at November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking into Bakes with Joy, a cookie decorating kit for Valentine's day.
- Considering a Community Cookbook, it will be labour intensive. Printed with pictures and recipes.
  - Everyone can contribute recipes, a nice memento, pictures of parents cooking with their child, momentum would not be affected if school is shutdown.

7.4 Community Chair (Sabrina) (Social events - Virtual ideas)

- Looking into virtual social event ideas.
  - Virtual Dance party, Family fitness classes, yoga, cooking classes (bake-off challenge), organized scavenger hunts, art class, paint night, virtual trivia night, talent show, drive in(thru) movie.
    - Dr. Richmon will reach out to other schools to see what has been successfully done.
  - Looking for the first event to be between now and December 2020.
    - A list of virtual social events will be sent to council members to review.
  - Sabrina would like to explore something outdoors with social distancing, once the current situation changes.
  - Looking into a drive-in for March, April 2021.

7.5 Principal Profile (Amanda - not present)

- Currently reviewing.