

**Start time → 7:03 – 8:52**

**Attendees: Online Meeting**

*Dr. Malcolm Richmon; Voula Kladis; Mandy Stenzler; Jennifer Leung; Adelaide Nguyen; Sherri Sbeih; Elena Haramis; Andrea Chow; Annie Gabrielian; Ivy Pan.*

1. Welcome
2. Review of Minutes (September 2021)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Co-Chairs' Report (Sherri, Jennifer)
  - Spirit Wear: Will be bringing it back, potentially after the community event launch.
    - Samples have been brought into the school.
    - Samples are the same as last years.
    - Looking into offering new items that haven't been seen before.
    - Students won't be able to try the samples on.
    - Currently looking for new suggestions in spirit wear, please let Sherri know.
  - Virtual Events: Discussed putting all virtual events on hold.
    - There is potential of a face-to-face event coming up.
    - Will be revisiting at a later date.
  - More volunteers for Council: Trying to recruit more parents.
    - Looking for volunteers who are interested in helping in events.
    - Please let council know if you would like to volunteer.
    - Please put out some feelers to see who is interested and encourage them to come to a council meeting.
  - Mandy - Cookbook 2021 re-ordering.
    - Several parents expressed interest in buying the school cookbook after orders were placed last year.
    - Mandy will price out the costs for an estimated 10-20 books.
  - Voula - PRO Grant
    - The ministry provides money to hold an event geared towards parents.
    - Virtual or in person event would be in the spring.
    - Will revisit once the PRO Grant form is available in January.
5. Treasurer's Report (Andrea Chow)
  - Opening Balance: \$14,195.89.
  - General Account \$ \$14,374.41.
  - Pizza Fund Balance: \$ 3,021.21.
  - Grand Total: \$17,217.09 or \$17,395.62.
    - \* A discrepancy of \$178.53, currently being reviewed.
6. Principal's Report – October 28, 2021 (Dr. Richmon)
  - Thank you to community members for support.
  - Site work
    - Contacted Landscaping Services and Caretaking.
    - Challenges with field.
      - Water pooling.
      - Mushrooms, weeds and thistles, grubs.
      - Baseball diamond fencing, benches and play surface in disrepair.
    - Field aerated, sodded and fertilized.

- The board does not cover baseball diamond maintenance; repairs would be at the school's expense.
  - Look to remove baseball diamond (and the field would be resurfaced/resodded) or leave it in its current condition.
  - Minimal student use of field.
- Tarmac snow clearing persevered for 2021.
- School Happenings
  - Photo Day now scheduled (December 2nd, details to follow).
    - Individual photos consistent with mitigation protocols.
    - No class photo (inquired about composite; it's a possibility, but potentially prohibitively labour intensive for companies).
  - Yearbook.
    - Some events being captured in photos.
    - Looking into possible yearbook.
      - Cost and Quality considerations.
  - Parent Teacher Interviews (November 18th and 19th).
    - Include JK (in lieu of classroom visit).
    - Google Meet.
      - Technology concerns.
  - Leadership Team.
    - Grades 4-6.
    - Plan and support school initiatives.
      - Holidays (Diwali coming up).
      - Spirit Days.
  - Halloween.
    - Gym event (active/passive).
    - Pumpkin decorating contest.
      - Will post online.
  - Movember.
    - Staff (and community possibility?).
  - Book Fair.
    - Week of November 15th (in person).
  - Food Drive.
    - In support of the Markham Food bank.
  - Teams/Clubs.
    - Athletics.
      - Cross-Country.
      - To date, no interschool athletics.
    - Clubs.
      - Choir.
      - Student Focus Group Suggestions.
- Acquisitions.
  - Technology Refresh.
  - Document Cameras (for all classes).
  - Hybrid Supporting Technology (headsets and webcams for all staff).
- Possible Future Acquisitions.
  - Digital Projectors (Most important).
  - Technology items (Chromebooks/foldable), particularly if cost sharing is available.
  - Math resources and manipulatives.

- Robotics, Coding.
    - Bluetooth speakers.
    - Athletic uniforms, particularly as sports teams resume.
  - Renewing the School Improvement Plan.
    - New Math Curriculum.
    - Renewed Assessment for Learning Tools (PM/DRA).
      - Assessment Moderation (teachers co-assessing to support better inter-teacher consistency and reliability of assessments).
    - Mental Health and Well-being.
      - Student Mental Health Ontario Resources.
    - Continued Regional Emphasis on Dismantling Anti-Black Racism.
    - Supporting English Language Learners: Canadian born and newcomer.
    - Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy.
      - Personalized and responsive learning experiences.
  - Destreaming information available for School Councils.
  - PEAC: Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee.
    - PEAC Website.
    - PEAC Newsletter (Engagement Matters).
  - School Council Forum.
    - Monday, November 15th, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.\* (Revised Time).
    - School Council Forum Webpage.
- 7.0 Update from School Council Executive Positions and Volunteer Recruitment.
- 7.1 Lunch time Programs Chair – (Adelaide).
- Offering virtual lunch time programs isn't currently feasible.
  - Looking into offering school clubs within each cohort.
  - There seemed to be interest from the students.
  - Focus groups were setup within each cohort.
  - Council can sponsor clubs by providing tools that are needed. Examples: crafts, board games, equipment, different items for each club.
    - Suggestions of clubs by students included art, sports, chess, origami, Lego, and a few others.
  - Looking into recruiting teachers to take on a program and offer it to all cohorts. Each cohort would be held on a different day.
- 7.2 Lunch time Food Chair (On Hold).
- 7.3 Fundraising Chair – (Elena).
- 7.4 Community Chair – (Elena, Voula).
- Drive-in movie: School is too small to book whole theatre.
    - Discussed a set price of \$25 per vehicle, not per person.
    - Friday and Saturday are too busy to book own screen for school.
    - Movie suggestions were Clifford and Space Jam.
    - We can have our own area blocked off, but not the whole screen.
    - We can vote on movie options.
    - 30-40 cars minimum, 7:30 start time.
    - Looking into a 7:00 pm start time, Thursday November 11, 2021.
    - Looking at different dates that are available.

**Thursday October 28th, 2021**

- Will be touching base with theatre on Monday November 1, 2021.
  - Outdoor skating: Looking to hold an event at the end of January or February.
    - Richmond Hill Green doesn't take reservations, reaching out to Markham Civic Centre.
- 7.5 Principal Profile – (Annie and Voula).
- Current profile will be sent to them by Dr. Richmon to review.
8. Other.
- Parking: People are parking unsafely in front of the school.
    - Cars are being parked diagonally, with the cars back end still hanging in the street.
      - Cars are backing up while kids are trying to walk across the street.
      - This is a hazard and unsafe for the students.
    - A message will be sent out.
- 8.1 Future Meeting Dates (Minimum 4 per Year).
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
  - February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
  - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.