

School Council
Meeting Minutes
June 15th, 2021

Opening:

Virtual meeting (due to Covid restrictions) called to order at 6:38pm

Present:

Marianne Millsap – Principal
Shawn Henderson – Vice Principal
Karen Kennedy – Co- Chair
Lisa Thompson - Co- Chair
Carly Ferris – Vice Chair
Colleen Kee - Treasurer
Amber Gallagher – Secretary
Jen Robertson – Teacher Rep
Andrew James – Community Rep
Jacqueline Clement

Welcome: Karen welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced.

Principal's report: Marianne stated a new email was sent out with details for Chrome Book drop off and pick up of desk stuff etc. There are 4 days parents can sign up using the interview tool to book a 10-minute slot. There will be a few more spirit days before the school year is done including Earth Day celebrating, fun in the sun and on the final day Puma pride!

Marianne stated, Mrs. Bax has started her scheduled maternity leave as well as Ms. Kelk, Mrs. Thurston is currently covering her class online.

Reading resources have been ordered to help with the gap in the fall. TVs have also been ordered for all Jr and Int. classes to continue the online announcements. There are only 14 students returning to online for September. There will be slightly over 500 students and 22 classes. All rooms are being used. The grant money was used for painting of the tarmac which is happening this week as well as new gym equipment. The slide was not going to be completed in time.

Q. Has there been communication with the new VP?

A. Yes, there is a date set up for her to tour the school and gather information on the portfolio she will carry. She is not a full-time VP due to student numbers so she will also be handling parts of Spec. Ed and be in the intermediate classes.

Q. Will Eco-School be passed onto the VP?

A. Yes, Shawn will suggest a meeting with Eco Parents to plan the year over the summer months. Amber will let AnnaLea know to send contact information.

Q. Is the new VP taking over the Breakfast Program?

A. Marianne stated she could if we wanted. It was discussed to have two plans, one Covid one not to ensure proper running and the ability to schedule parental volunteers. It will be discussed as the summer months progress. Jacqueline Clement offered to help.

*Karen took a break in the meeting to thank Lisa Thompson, whose son is graduating this year. She has been a pillar of the council and school community for many, many years. Making contributions that are too long of a list to name. Everyone took a moment to tell Lisa how truly she was appreciated and how much she will be missed. In true Primrose fashion, she was clapped out! *

Teacher Report: Jennifer Robertson gave the report, she stated that kids from JK to Grade 6 have been submitting videos singing O' Canada for the announcements. It has been amazing! Primrose kids are also working hard to submit their monologues to the Streams Hub contest which closed that evening. Gym and locker rooms have been cleaned out and organized.

Jennifer stated that as she popped into classrooms, she was seeing lots of poetry and financial literacy happening. The new real-life learning in the math curriculum is a big hit. Yearbook is well on its way to being amazing as well!

Teachers have been having many transition meetings for class placements in order to meet all the needs of students including academic, social and emotional. Jennifer wanted the council to be aware that the extremely helpful Hokki stools (wobbly stools) are no longer funded by the Government.

She shared a post by a staff member to her Muslim student in regard to the London attack earlier this month. It was beautiful and Jennifer wanted everyone to know how much staff cares and wants to make a difference in the lives of their students. She also shared some of the kid's digital artwork which was phenomenal!

Lastly Jennifer stated that she had heard great things about the new VP from a teacher friend. As well the Grad committee says thank you to Council for the funding for Grad and that all the teachers say a big thank you to Council.

Treasure Report: Colleen said the major portion of the Bottle Drive donations have been deposited. There are still about \$3600 in expenses that need to come out and then money can be moved into the Outdoor Improvement Fund. She stated Council is still in a good spot, that Grad funds have come out. It was stated that the Greening Committee had approved the full amount of the slide repair if the grant could not be used, that will have to come out soon too. Once year end is done Colleen will do a report and send it out.

Other Business: It was noted that we needed to invite our Community Rep, Andrew, back in September.

Bottle Drive – Donations are up to approx.. \$2300, so a big thank you to all who contributed and made our land cleaner!

Greening Committee Update – Amber stated the proposal for the new yard was sent to the board and is awaiting approval. She stated that quotes are happening and grants are being looked into as well as fundraising ideas for when Covid restrictions lift. There is also going to be a pamphlet created to inform and engage parents on the future yard. It will consist of obstacle courses using natural elements as well as a log jam, tire ring and new trees. It will have a heavy focus on the kindergarten area first as their area has nothing but grass. More to come so please stay tuned!

A thank you, goodbye and good luck was wished to Shawn Henderson on his new Principal appointment starting in September. He and his smiling face will be missed! Shawn replied stating that he was hopeful for longer than a year at Primrose and a Covid one at that. He will miss us terribly but is excited to start this new adventure.

Marianne wanted to wish everyone a great and happy Summer and wanted to say thank you to the whole community for being so welcoming on her arrival.

Questions: Jacqueline asked what happens if she must bring her children to non-Covid Council meeting. Karen stated that Council has a student babysitter to come in during the meeting and if for some reason they do not children will always be welcome.

Adjournment:

Karen Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Amber Gallagher

Minutes Approved By: Executive & Admin.