

MINUTES
Grafton P.S. School Council
Virtual Meeting November 5, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance

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| Kim Blair | Alicia Desroches | Sabrina Martorino | Jacqueline Pennington |
| Renee Cameron | Kim Hotte | Taylor Nelson | Julie Perry |
| Miranda Connors | Danielle Keir | Kim Niles | Tanya Skeoch |
| Laura Walters | Sarah Cook | | |

Regrets

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| Miranda Connors | Yvonne Fern | Patricia Flynn-Press | Stephanie Johns |
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Adoption of Agenda (2 min) Approved by consensus

Approval of Minutes (2 min) Approved by consensus

Principal's Report (10 mins)

Voice Amplifiers have been purchased and are being used by staff- Thank-you very much from the staff!

HEPA Filters have been ordered by facilities for rooms with poor ventilation and should be here next week. 11 rooms have been identified. Staff have been also permitted to bring in their own since September.

December Events:

- Dec. 4th-Maureen Pollard-Coping Strategies for Anxiety & Stress; Wacky Hair Day
- Dec. 7th The VOICE- Guess the staff singing a Christmas Carol begins on the morning announcements. Classes have 20 seconds to guess and get point
- Dec. 14th Door Decorating Contest. Kindergarten will judge photos of each door this year & share results on the WebEx announcements
- Dec. 17th WebEx Trivia Contest (by Division)
- Dec. 18th-BYO Snack PJ and Movie Day; Holiday Message to Families- A video from us to parents from each class
- Dec. 14th-18th -Start of Spirit Week: *Mon*-Wacky/Festive Sock Day; *Tues*-Wacky/Festive Hat Day; *Wed*-Ugly Sweater Day; *Thurs*-Dress Like an Elf/Santa/Reindeer; *Day Fri*-PJ Day

News for January:

Grafton PS Alumni starting an ECE placement. COVID-19 protocols, Police Checks are in place and she is attending college classes virtually and lives in our community.

We continue to get calls about students joining in-person in the New Year and we have had a few students leave for virtual. We are anticipating 9 more students by end of February. Class sizes are still getting reviewed. Our Kindergarten through to grade 3/4 class, are getting continuously larger. If Kindergarten or the primary classes became too large, we would have to reorganize. Our junior to grade 7 classes are all low numbers. Our grade 8 class has 24 with the average size being 26 for this age.

Teacher's Report (5 mins)

Sarah cook provided details on the Empower Reading Program currently in progress for a group of grade two students.

Fundraising (30 min)

- a) Renee Cameron is sharing the overall financial plan with the board including planned fundraising activities.
- b) The sweet and savory fundraiser is underway. So far, sales from the Shortbread Company have raised \$1,169 and sales from Carmichael's have raised \$1,076. The Santa Photoshoot is happening on December 5th and is virtually sold out. Currently, this event has raised \$970 with more funds expected to be received on the day of the event.
- c) The fundraising committee is discussing ideas for 2021.
- d) The staff wish list for winter equipment is not ready yet. The national lacrosse league is offering a socially distanced learn lacrosse workshop. Staff would like to offer students in grades 3 and up an outdoor class run by Cobourg CrossFit. The cost is \$60 for a 30-minute class. One class for all eligible grades will cost \$300 and two classes for each grade will cost \$600

Motion to approve two CrossFit classes for each class grades 3 to 8. Approved by consensus

Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Application

The PRO grant application will be completed for submission in January. An email will be sent to board members before submission.

Maureen Pollard's Coping Strategies for Anxiety & Stress workshop was approved by consensus through email. This workshop will run virtually for classes on December 4, 2020.

Student Report

Julia Niles is Grafton Public School Council's first student representative. Students would like digital clocks for signing in/out of the classroom, better pencil sharpeners, nets for the soccer posts, and more equipment for breaks. Julia will ask students what type of equipment they would like. Students do not like the new 5-minute warning bells, as this reduces their break time.

Next Meeting

Virtual Format on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm