

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

**Attendance**

Kim Blair	Alicia Desroches	Sabrina Martorino	Jacqueline Pennington
Renee Cameron	Keith Hotte	Taylor Nelson	Julie Perry
Miranda Connors	Danielle Keir	Kim Niles	Laura Walters
Joanne Wilson			

**Regrets**

Patricia Flynn-Press	Stephanie Johns	Tanya Skeoch
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***Adoption of Agenda*** (2 min) *Approved by consensus*

***Approval of Minutes*** (2 min) *Approved by consensus*

**Principal's Report** (20 mins)

School Life - At school, students connect virtually every day with morning announcements. The gym will open in December with Public Health protocols of max. 2 classes a day from the same cohort. The library and computer lab remain closed to students at Public Health direction. Spirit Days will continue without the fundraising component.

Renee Cameron shared the roles of the principal in the school and the community.

School council members shared their thoughts on Mental Health supports at school. Grafton PS has access to a School Mental Health Nurse and teachers have access to the "Kids have stress too" program from KPR for mental health teaching resources. A mental health clinician is available from the board to support individual student's mental health needs through virtual counseling. A subcommittee was formed to research additional mental health resources for students/staff.

**Teacher's Report** (10 mins)

Students continue to practice handwashing and hand sanitizing in the classroom. Entry and exit protocols are also being strictly followed by students. Students are getting an extra 40 minutes of outdoor learning time and recess location for each cohort is rotated weekly in the schoolyard.

**Review of changes to constitution** (5 min)

Revisions:

- 4.2 Constituencies Represented - updated to match the board policy and now includes a grade 7 or 8 student representative
- 5.2 Notice of Meeting, 5.3 Place of Meeting, 5.5 Decision Making - updated to include virtual meetings and virtual voting
- 5.10 – Privacy - updated to reflect that virtual or in-person meetings shall not be audio or video recorded.
- 9.3 Distribution - approved minutes to be posted in Edsby for the school community to access

***Motion to accept changes to constitution*** *Approved by consensus*

**Treasurer's Report** (5 min)

Summary of accounts:

School Council                      \$6,415.62

- Playground maintenance was completed at a cost of \$1000 paid by school council and \$2035 paid by KPR facilities. Maintenance is capped at \$1000 for schools each year
- There is a \$1120.26 balance owing from Fundschrift. Kim Blair will request this to add to the school council account.

***Motion to transfer \$1000 from to playground maintenance when Fundschrift funds arrive. Approved by consensus***

## **Fundraising (30 min)**

### 1. Report from the Fundraising Committee Chair

Committee met on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The following ideas were presented:

Holiday Baking Fundraiser - Packaged baked goods provided the Shortbread Company at a discount. Order forms can be sent and received through the school council email and payments to be received through schoolcashionline. Orders can go home with students.

***Motion to approve the holiday baking fundraiser. Approved by consensus***

Santa Claus Photo Fundraiser: A social distance photo with Santa at Red Tractor Farm. Photos to be taken by a local photographer and sent home digitally. Booking platform, cost and, minimum donation to be determined. Payment to be received through schoolcashionline or at the event.

***Motion to approve the Santa Claus photo fundraiser. Approved by consensus***

### 2. Staff wish list:

- i. Chromebooks are on backorder. iPads are also needed at a cost of \$580 each
- ii. Mindfulness program is being offered online by a local resident at a cost of \$70 per class
- iii. Virtual Scientists in the classroom virtual is offered at a cost of \$220 per 60-minute session
- iv. Nelson guided reaching kits are \$1965 per full set for grades 4-8. Individual costs are \$585/kit for grades 4-6 and \$105/set for grades 7-8
- v. Equipment for winter outdoor activities. Specific items and costs to be determined.
- vi. Kindergarten outdoor nature study equipment. Costs to be determined.
- vii. Portable microphone/voice amplifier sets at a cost of \$90 per set. Cost for 12 staff is \$1080

***Motion to approve purchase of portable microphones for all staff. Approved by consensus***

## **Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Application**

PRO is a \$1000 grant from the board to support parent engagement. The mental health subcommittee will brainstorm ideas for an event to support student mental health. The application deadline is January 11, 2021. Julie Perry volunteered to write the application.

## **Next Meeting**

Virtual Format on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8.13 pm**