

MINUTES
Grafton P.S. School Council
Meeting September 16th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance

Kim Blair	Danielle Keir	Jacqueline Pennington	Greg Sumi, Principal
Miranda Connors	Taylor Nelson	Julie Perry	Sara Venema
Alicia Desroches	Mark Taylor	Maeghan Rohwer	Laura Walters
Lindsay Frizell	Erin Dolan		

Regrets

Melissa Ker Courtney Holmes

2021/2022 Council Elections:

Co-Chairs: Sara Venema, Laura Walters

Treasurer: Kim Blair

Social Media Coordinator: Miranda Connors

Secretary and Regional Representative: Danielle Keir

Approval of Elected Members: Approved by consensus

Principal's Report: *Greg Sumi*

About Greg Sumi

Greg lives in Cobourg with his family, including Alison (principal at CR Gummow), Harry, and Lucy. He has experience overseas as well as with KPR at CR Gummow and Waverley.

Community and Wellbeing

- The current school population is 234 in 10 homerooms, with 16 students at VES.
- New staff includes Ms. McMillan, Ms. Shear, Mr. Brown, Ms. C. Wilson. Mr. Wright.
- KPRDSB administration includes Director Rita Russo; Superintendent Jamie Brake; Trustees Jaine Klassen Jeninga, and Terry Brown
- PA Day discussions for supporting students returning to school included the importance of routines and connections with staff and students.

Health and Safety

- We continue to ask all staff and families to self-screen each morning
- We are continuing with procedures for masking, sick room, washing/sanitizing hands
- Students need not be masked while outside, but we continue to remind appropriate distancing
- This year there are more opportunities for student interactions inside classrooms, sharing physical objects, playing in the yard, and start of some extra-curricular and intramural activities

KPR Strategic Plan and Grafton

- Excel in Learning, Succeed in Life, Enrich our Communities
- Early learning, math, literacy, arts, technology
- Community, belonging, and equity
- Community connections

Operations

- We continue to wait for volunteer/visitor procedures from KPRDSB
- Meetings with families continue to be scheduled by phone or video conference
- 2 fire drills have been completed

Treasurer's Report: *Kim Blair*

Summary of accounts:

School council account balance: \$5,463

Playground account: \$2,000

- Accrued expenses: \$1000 for playground account once invoice received from KPRDSB
- After the last council meeting, invoices were paid for CrossFit, Jimmy Chapman, and binoculars/magnifying glasses for the kindergarten class.

Fundraising:

- Fundraising events in the 2020/2021 year raised the following:
 - Cookie Sales: \$1100
 - Meat fundraiser: \$1,000
 - Photos with Santa fundraiser: \$1,350
- Julie Perry and Jacqueline Pennington will co-chair a fundraising subcommittee to discuss fundraising activities and the 2021/2022 school year. In addition, a list of fundraising ideas from last year will be sent to the council members.

Parents Reaching Out Grant:

- Due to the spring 2021 lockdown, the last PRO grant was not used. \$500 remains from this grant. An additional \$500 for the 2021/2022 PRO grant will be received in early 2022.
- This grant is to be used to support parent engagement with Grafton Public School. Ideas on how to use this grant will be discussed next meeting.

Other business:

- Greg Sumi will inquire about setting up an @kprdsb email account for school council activities.
- Greg Sumi will investigate the Leader-in-Me leadership program used in prior years. At the next meeting, he will advise the council whether this program will continue in the 2021/2022 school year. The cost of this program was partially covered by KPRDSB in the past.

Next meeting date: Thursday, October 14th at 6.30pm, location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm.