

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual

**Attendance:**

- 1) Amy Wood
- 2) Carol Harfst
- 3) Deborah McBride
- 4) Deirdre Morgenstern
- 5) Jen Tewkesbury
- 6) Karen Lowhar
- 7) Laura Briggs
- 8) Lori Cockell
- 9) Melanie Canning
- 10) Sandy Archibald
- 11) Sarah Klassen
- 12) Stephanie Balogh
- 13) Tobi Williams-Glew
- 14) Tracee Nemeth

CC: Ida Sommerville, Andrea Thomas, Clarissa Livingstone

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome incoming Principal Deirdre Morgenstern**

**Approve and Accept Minutes from last meeting - APPROVED**

**Treasurer's Report**

- **May Opening Balance \$3,128.83**
- ***Expenditures since April 7th SCC Meeting***
  - MusicPlay License \$200.00
  - Teacher Appreciation Treat\$31.58
- **May Closing Balance \$3,347.25 (Closing balance is higher than opening due to funds reserved for items but not used)**

**Decision made at this meeting to use \$1000 now, to purchase new balls and skipping ropes for next September. The idea is to order long lead time items now, in time for the new school year. This money will come from the \$1500.00 & \$608.61 unused funds previously allocated for \$50 per teacher spending. Providing \$50 per teacher can be revisited in future.**

**Principal's Report**

**Success**

- Welcome to Incoming Principal: Deirdre Morgenstern
- Current classes for next year: 20 mainstream homerooms (4 JK/SK, 7 Primary, 6 Junior, 3 Intermediate), 3 Gifted homerooms, 1 SSP Class
- Currently approximately 560 in-person students registered, 42 virtual students
- Anticipate changes to classes and/ or staffing into August/ September
- Class placements will be available to families just prior to start of school in September; information to be sent via School Messenger
- Welcome to Kindergarten- link to Google Site shared with families May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 8 Graduation- currently planning for a recorded ceremony to be shared with students and families on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>; TBD distribution of certificates, awards, etc.
- Family input for class placement Google form due Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Term 2 Report Cards to be sent electronically to families via School Messenger on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Well-Being**

- SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Programme for Grades 7/8- currently underway; being delivered by Well-Being Youth Workers (i.e. Stress Management and Coping Skills, Healthy Relationships, etc.)
- Well-being will be focus of first weeks back to school in September
- Transition planning for students currently underway

## Leadership

- Student-led announcements currently being incorporated
- Staff sharing of best practices at staff meetings including sharing learnings from White Fragility Book Club
- Educators leading and supporting one another to build capacity for virtual learning strategies, tips and tricks

## Equity

- Daily announcements continuing focusing on Equity- i.e. May is Jewish, Dutch and Asian/ South Asian Heritage Months
- May 17- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- Grade 7/8- The Cypher Conference- Black Empowerment Webinar Series has finished: copy and paste this link [shorturl.at/ILMQ6](https://shorturl.at/ILMQ6) (you may need to be logged in with a DDSB account for this link to work)
- Regular messaging in staff memos and meetings highlighting resources for Equity and Anti-Black
- Voluntary after school Staff Book Club- *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo- 12 staff participating
- Upcoming: June- Pride Month
- School Administrators engaging in analysis of DDSB Census data to be shared with staff and incorporated into planning for 2021-22 school year

## Engagement

- Monthly Celebration Virtual Assemblies
- Weekly School Messenger sent to families

## Innovation

- 24 additional school-purchased Chromebooks ordered **have finally been delivered**; will be added to school complement of devices in September
- Classroom Innovation: classes taking advantage of a number of free virtual programs including: Google STEAMing Ahead workshops, Toronto Drag Queen Storytime, Station Gallery, Ontario Science Centre, CN Tower Virtual Tower Climb, Metro Toronto Zoo, and so many more...

## New Business

- Update on tarmac painting – on hold for now
- Curriculum Night 2021 – plans for virtual or in person? This is not yet known. Curriculum night could run the week of Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, and first SCC meeting could be the week after. Conversation with the church to be had in September, to see which evening during week of the 20<sup>th</sup> would make the most sense, if it is an in-person meeting and parking is required.
- SCC Executive
  - Thank you outgoing Secretary Melanie Canning! (2018-2021)
  - Thank you outgoing Co-Chair Jennifer Tewkesbury! (2016-2021)
  - The positions of Co-chair and Secretary will be vacant going into the 2021-2022 year
  - Farewell to Stephanie – you will be missed!
- Set date for September 2021 SCC meeting – September 29, 2021

**Thank you for attending! Next meeting is September 29, 2021**