

## **Community Council Minutes**

Date: January 10, 2022

Location: ZOOM

### **In Attendance:**

School Representatives: Effie Aadland, Bal Dhillon, Sara LaBrash, Moreno Stefanon,  
Executive Members: Sam N, Sandra M, Michelle K, Maria G, Aniz J and 24 parents

Welcome and Introductions – Sam Nelson

Minutes from December 6, 2021 approved and carried (Sandra and Maria).

### **Principals Update – Effie Aadland .**

- Winter Dance show will be virtual (week of January 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Virtual open house January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Semester 1 marks will be posted on my ed February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Course Selection begins in February
- Literacy and numeracy assessments week of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Focusing on Literacy 12 and any grade 10s who missed writing in November
- I week (week between Semester 1 and 2). Workshops being offered. Opportunity for students to meet with teachers and rewrite tests and assignments.
- Steam is running next year for grade 8s
- Student and Parent Survey Feedback regarding School Schedule.
  - o 119 Students, 61 parents responded.
  - o Majority indicated they like the 4 block days better than the 2 longer blocks
  - o Many comments about wanting consistency and struggling with the days of 2 longer classes
  - o Many reported wanting same schedule everyday
  - o Students did identify some benefits with longer blocks, majority reported they struggle to maintain focus for the entire class
  - o Parents seem to refer to the student feedback
  - o For semester 2 school is considering moving to 4 blocks a day every day (bell schedule and flex time to remain the same).
- Health and Safety Protocols and updates
  - o School sent email communication to families (information about possible functional closures, health and safety guidelines)
  - o Student orientation on first day back to school. Video shown to all students.
    - Importance of masks wearing
    - Hand hygiene
    - Daily health check
    - Physical distancing
    - Extra curricular activities (update)
    - Reintroduced directional arrows.

Question – Is STEAM 8 running next year.

- Answer: Yes

Question – Students complaining about lack of soap in the washrooms

- Answer: Have the students report this to the office. Custodian will fix right away.

Question – Vaping in washrooms. Is the school doing anything about this?

- Answer: Yes. School is trying to be very vigilant about students gathering and vaping in washrooms.

### **Community Room update – Bal Dhillon**

- Partnership with PADS therapy dogs. Dogs will visit school once a week when visitors are allowed again.
- Black History Month. Ethos Lab doing virtual workshops for students.
- Access Program at school. Showed a video about importance of this program. Discussed coffee program and what the students learn from making coffee for the teachers.
  - o Current commercial coffee machine has stopped working. School asked if CC would consider providing funds to purchase new machine.
  - o CC to provide \$500 (voted on and passed)
  - o School to provide \$500
  - o Community Room to provide \$3000 through donations

### **Sports and Athletics Update - Moreno Stefanon**

- Under current PHO school sports tournaments are cancelled
  - o More games being held
- Table tennis club started. Teacher representative is Sara LaBrash
- Basketball going well
- Wrestling is being held at Byrne as they can't access STM gym for coaching

Parent comment – If Table Tennis is popular, can Community Council provide funds for more Table Tennis tables.

Response – We currently have 4 tables (1 is being repaired). This is enough for now.

### **Chairs Report – Sam Nelson**

- Nothing to report
- Voted on providing \$500 from gaming grant funds for the commercial coffee machine for Access Program. Motion passed. Amount to be added to the gaming grant spreadsheet.

### **Treasurer Report – Michelle Krywolt**

- Bank balances
- Cheque cleared in December
- Please contact CC for specific details if you would like.

### **DPAC Report – Maria Gunner**

- Nothing to report.

**Next Community Council Meeting February 7**

**Meeting Adjourned**