

# **PINE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**



### ATTENDEES:

Brad Digweed, Carolyn Jonavich, Amy McDonnall, Alison Willan, April Taylor, Carolyn Dowds, Lori Burrowes, Heather Duncan, Elizabeth Martin, Margo Halfyard, Li Lei, Lisa Q, Randy McNulty, Starr Sanders, Tara Sabadin, Amber Hughes, Laura Keeping, Tanya Belanger, and Anita Couturier

Amy welcomed everyone to our October 2021 School Council. Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting were approved by April Taylor and seconded by Heather Duncan.

### BUSINESS REVISITED

The weekly Friday message seems to be well received. We will continue with that format with the option to send out messages during the week if needed. We will be testing a new SMS option through School Messenger.

It was brought up at the last meeting to possibly move the crosswalk further north on Lake to right in front of the office. Brad spoke with Mrs. C. She doesn't feel the move is necessary and feels that the current location is safer with the sign more visible and the addition of the pylons to block parking right at the crosswalk.

Possibility of extra signage such as the signage installed at Prince Phillip. This type of signage would be done through the city. Brad has reached out the city but has yet to hear back.

### ADMIN REPORT

#### 1.PROGRESS REPORTS

The start to this school year has been very different from any other school year. The start has been a much slower pace to let students catch up. There is still a larger than normal learning gap. Online learning was not the same experience for all families. There has been no judgement encouraged throughout Covid.

For the first progress report the teachers have been given guidance for positivity on this report. Students that in a normal year may be given a "needs improvement" may be given a "progressing" even though they are not meeting provincial standards they are making significant improvements from the beginning of September. Temporarily making standards different as to deflate the progress our students are making

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted virtually once again. This format worked well last year. There are advantages for both families and staff for the virtual interviews. More flexibility for one. More than ever it is important for parents and teachers to connect.

## 2. SUB-COMMITTEES

Starting with 3 subcommittees Equity, Fundraising, SIP Anyone is encouraged to volunteer for any or all committees.

Equity Committee to discuss all aspects of inclusivity including cultural, sexual orientation, Opened to all parents/ guardians. Amber Hughes has volunteered to be on this committee. Brad does have other parents wanting to be part of this committee.

The Fundraising Committee will oversee council fundraising as well as the playground fundraising for the time being but the playground may branch off at some point again. Many volunteers for this committee: April, Lori B, Amber, Heather, Amy, Tanya

SIP (School Improvement Plan) will look at ways to improve learning in our school. Amber has also volunteered for this committee

SIP will align with Board vision and initiatives but there is some room for autonomy for individual schools.

With growth our teachers will be better equipped to help our students to learn and grow. In conversation with teachers to find our strengths. Collecting data that is more than just testing such as EQAO. That only gives a small part of the learning equation,

With staff growth our students' achievement will grow.

## 3.HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Milk program may happen soon but not quite ready. This is very student dependent on the delivery of this program. Covid protocols do not allow for this at this point.

So far with hot lunches we can only look at options that allow for individually wrapped lunches for each student that orders. Due to this pizza and hot dogs are not an option. Pita Pit is first and if successful will try others such as Subway. Looking for other ideas as well. Food sales are a huge part of council fundraising so it is great to get that started again.

## 4.BUDGET

Budget last month was \$7438.00 it is currently as of October 28th \$7997.98. This amount however, does not include money to be paid out for Pita Pit Lunch.

The breakdown of the budget is as follows:

- Family Pasta Night Fundraiser (\$2 730.15)
- Milk Program (\$2 730.15)
- Pita Pit (\$2 730.15)
- Pizza Lunches (\$1 365.66)
- School Council Fundraising (\$1 206.60)

Total: \$7 997.98

## QUESTIONS

Question was posed as to if the school board could fund things such as the basketball nets.

An explanation of where funding comes from and how it is allocated. If the school and/or parent council can fund the smaller projects, needs and wants from their budgets, Brad can focus on getting funding for the bigger needs from the school board.

Spoke about the success of the running club. The focus has been on participation and personal achievement.

Asking for any additions to the agenda for the next School Council Meeting to be forwarded to Brad, Amy or Alison.

Next meeting will be held virtually on Dec 1. at 6:30 p.m.