

## October 19 - Essex Public School Parent Council Meeting

Present: Kelly Stack, Bruno Pallotto, Christian Paulton, Shelly Smith, Kelly Hotts, Shay Freeman, Dana Brown, Andria St Germain, Christie Paulton

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

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| <b>Election</b>                 |                            |
| <b>Chair</b>                    | Kelly Stack                |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | Christie Paulton           |
| <b>Council Members at large</b> | Dana Brown and Amanda Park |
| <b>Teacher Representative</b>   | Shelley Smith              |
| <b>Community Member</b>         | Kelly Hotts                |

**Minutes from previous meeting** – moved by Christie Paulton and seconded Shay Freeman, carried

### Financial Report

Playground account: \$6491.88

Fundraising account: \$8905.30

Food days account: \$952.21

Grants account: \$1085.68

Possible items to be completed this year:

- Sound system upgrade – looking at spending money on system
- Technology - ipads/laptops and other items needed
- Playground equipment – need of repair and rubber surface
- PRO grant – not sure if we are going to have to return funds or possibly spend this year

### Principal Report

- Welcome Back to everyone
- Virtual SAC meetings will continue this year; parents interested in joining SAC mtg will be sent monthly invitation; child must be in person learning model to be member of EPS School Council.
- In Person Learning is going extremely well, 75% of students came back to in-person learning at this school
- Focus for Students was on welcome back, routines and procedures (practice practice), Mental Health activities during month of September
- COVID-19 GECSB Safety Plan; from there school specific plans and safety routines i.e. Cohort Model; Entry/Dismissal Procedures; Nutrition Break schedule including

designated play areas for cohorts; Washroom Break schedule; Lunch eating half of students only; Kiss & Ride protocol -remain in vehicles.

- Arrows in hallway to encourage social distancing; refillable water stations only; no shared items in classes
- Wearing of Masks – K-3 strongly encouraged; Gr 4-8 mandatory; masks are available for students if needed.
- 14 Layers of Safety in schools to promote safety for students, staff, parents, community at large
- Visitors – kept to a minimum; must sign in outside main office if enter building including phone number for contact tracing purposes
- Virtual meetings/Phone Conferences – are the new normal to support student learning
- Ministry of Health Daily Screening Tool – Version 3: October 5, 2020
- WECHU Protocol for Students With Symptoms of COVID-19
- Third Party vendors must submit COVID-19 Safety Plans to GECDSB to begin services in school i.e. Green Heart, Dominos, Harvest Fresh, Lifetouch, etc.
- Model of Student Learning – by 4pm on October 19 today request change in learning model; re-entry date into school November 9
  - Going to try not disrupt current classes as much as possible
  - Issues may arise in lower grades due to the 20 student max cap
  - Could possibly affect staffing
  - Re-org could possibly take place in January as well
- Tentative Reorganization Date November 9<sup>th</sup> . Mandate is to minimize disruption for students and staff. However if have many incoming students this may result in a shifting of students between classrooms to continue to keep class sizes smaller this year.
- LEXIA – all Grades 1-3, 5, RISE students; plus an additional 20 students requiring additional intervention. Please access at home and have children complete 20min daily.
- SIPSA – math continued focus, Mental Health, and Healthy Living
- IEPs go home by Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Progress Reports go home – Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Vice-principal**

1. CHARACTER EDUCATION
  - a. Focus for the year: Kindness/Perseverance/Resiliency/Respect
  - b. Phoenix feathers continued in the school – weekly celebrations for students
  - c. Virtual assemblies for the celebration and teachings of these character traits and the students we will recognize as well as any special recognition in the school
2. OSNP
  - a. Student nutrition grant that we will be accessing this year
  - b. 3 day a week model
  - c. Food delivery of various items from pre-packaged to fruits and vegetables

- d. Volunteers needed – details to come soon as we get the program up and running, but if able to help email me directly and I will be in touch
3. SPIRIT WEAR
    - a. Visit website and EDSBY for link
    - b. Orders due Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Delivery late November
    - d. Thank you to Mr. Mephram for his creative designs
  4. REMEMBRANCE DAY
    - a. We are currently working on a plan to honour our veterans on this day at the school
    - b. May be virtual or prerecorded with various activities and teachings throughout the school
  5. MORNING ARRIVAL
    - a. Reminder that students should not arrive before 8:20am
    - b. Students are not to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds, through kiss and ride and in parking lot
    - c. Reminder when dropping off your children in kiss and ride to pull up to almost the front of the school to drop off your children
    - d. If you need to get out of the vehicle to assist your child it is best to park and walk them across the crosswalk to the school yard entry

### **Fundraising**

- School boards are looking allowing fundraising, if someone would like to move forward, a safety plan must be submitted
- Try to be cautious about holding fundraisers as we have money in our funds. If the school board decides to review, they could take our money
- Turkey luncheon – pre-packaged or in each classroom possibly, look for creative ways to possibly have this, turkey sandwich? Defer for now until we get protocols. Would need to be individually wrapped. Need to sign up, opt-in/out-out. Or possibly a new option this year

### **Building**

- Kindergarten classrooms were renovated and now being used
- Those classrooms are still shared space with the before and after school programs
- Spaces for 120 students in the new daycare, full day every day
- Construction is continuing, no projected date for opening yet

Next meeting: November 16<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

Motion to adjourn– Kelly Stack and Dana Brown