



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday 30 July 2021

Meeting declared open: 1.45pm

Venue: Toronto Public School

Present: Ben, Shannon, Trish, Jo, Tamara, Kim Witt

WELCOME AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

Acknowledgement of country

Ben

Apologies

Andrea, Jess S

Approval of previous Minutes

Motion Moved by: Tamara

Seconded by: Jo

Business arising from previous minutes

Standing item: No resolve on the parking at the front of the school.

REPORTS

Principal's report: Kim W

See below

Treasurer's report: Shannon

Canteen	\$7548.93
Renovation	\$31,016.34
P&C General	\$19,132.86
Uniform account	\$1,053.56

Canteen report: Shannon

The canteen needs extra people to assist in the canteen on Thursday and Friday due to the large number of orders. Please contact the Facebook page, the school admin staff or canteen if available.

Uniform shop report: Trish

- New logo has been received on some of the new clothing. Will be ordered when stock has run out on current line of clothing.
- Will need to forward plan to assist Trish in the new year for 2023.

Correspondence received

Bank statements, fundraiser flyers, P&C magazine, uniform flyers

Correspondence sent

No

Upcoming Events

Father's Day stall – need to order items for the stall. Approval given by all in attendance to purchase items for stall.

Colour Run

- Do not know when the event will be held due to COVID-19 restrictions, and parents unable to attend on site.
- Option proposed for teachers to organise the event. Kim to approach staff with
- Prizes to go home in the next few weeks.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Casual vacancy: Ben

There is an unfilled second Vice President position.

Fans in the school hall

Motion moved by: Ben

Seconded by: Trish

Passed unanimously

Motion for purchase and installation of fans for the school hall was passed unanimously.

School to obtain quotes for purchase and installation of fans. When quote received, the P&C meeting will put forward a motion for approval of funds for said quote/s.

Secretary position vacant

Tayla has stepped down as secretary due to leaving the school. Thank you Tayla for all the support you have provided in the canteen, and to the school. Without you assisting on Thursday we would no be able to provide lunches and recess to the children.

Ben put forward that nominations for the secretary were open.

Jo nominated for the position.

Moved by: Tamara

Seconded by: Trish

Thanks to Jo, for taking over the secretary position.

NEXT MEETING: Friday of Week 8 (pending COVID restrictions).

CLOSE OF MEETING: 2:45pm



Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

Growth and Attainment

- Staff are engaging in PL Infants – Maths Focus, strong foundations for students to development Mathematical thinking – reasoning, evaluative thinking. Primary focus is on Vocabulary development
- Teachers are engaging in Teaching Sprints. One focus each term, personalised to meet teacher needs & skillset.
- Engaging in targeted PL with Director, local schools, research partners and DOE advisors to review evidenced based practice to develop strategies to maximise impact
- COVID intervention is continuing to have great impact

Wellbeing

- Day 2 Berry street Training completed via Zoom on SDD. Focus on relationships - building relationships, strategies to maintain relationships with children with escalated behaviour. PL was held in high regard by all staff. All staff went away with key messages and next steps.

Partnerships

- Unable to hold our 3 way conferences – disappointing.
- Community unable to attend events at this point due to COVID restrictions. Has impacted on NAIDOC celebrations, Awaba exhibition, Planned sessions for parents.
- Special Education Hub cancelled, staff are unable to work face to face with staff from other schools at this time.

Staffing

- Changes to Classroom teacher for 5/6SR, Miss Kelly is doing a fabulous job. The children are happy and engaged.
- Miss Booth has had a baby boy, Skipper. Mother and baby are doing well.
- Merit selection process underway for Permanent SAO position, 0.6. Thank you to Trish Walmsely, P7C representative on our panel.
- Mrs Davey is working 0.6 until the end of the year. Mrs Roberston is relieving Administration Manager in her absence. We welcome Hayley Porch who is filling Mrs Roberston's position.

COVID

- Level 2 restrictions continuing at this stage
- We are able to transition to 'learning from home' if required.
- Stage 2 and 3 excursions have been cancelled. We are currently exploring alternatives.
- Zone Athletics postponed due to some of children participating from Central Coast area.
- Home work centre is unable to go ahead at this time – goal was to work with parents and children
- Two teachers travelling from the Central Coast, providing negative COVID tests each week. Both have had first vaccination
- Most staff are endeavouring to be vaccinated ASAP.

Reconciliation Action Plan

- Amos Simon, worked with children during Term 2. Amos provided Indigenous games for all students during recess and then worked with infants and primary Pondee students in alternate weeks. Amos focused on language, dance and music.
- Engaging with Winanga-y Dreaming this term -basket weaving and dance for Pondee students + friend.
- KOWA providing a hand sanitising station to the school
- Looking to hold whole school infants and primary excursion to cultural centre this term.
- RAP has been returned from Reconciliation Australia, need to revisit our vision statement. They would like it to be fleshed-out a bit. We will be able to use the information from our community sessions to do this.
- NAIDOC week celebrations were fabulous. All children developed a deeper understanding of 'Heal Country' through planting of trees, art work, literacy, history and geography activities. Incursion – Jesse from Biraban Land Council provided an engaging and informative workshop on local plants and tools.

Education Week

- K-2 Spelling Bee – strong start
- 3-4 Public speaking competition- Olympic theme
- 5-6 Movie trailers for fractured fairy tales
- Focus on reading at home, encouraging children to read rather than book fair and purchasing of books. Book fair is challenging with current COVID restrictions.
- Toronto Learning Community Awards night has been cancelled

School Programs

- IT we have the green screen and robotics available this term. Robotics will also be offered during a lunch time each week
- Minecraft Mondays is continuing
- Thursday dance groups are continuing
- Sport in Schools – Touch football each Friday, local providers
- Scope IT – each Wednesday, one local provider, one travelling from Central Coast but providing evidence of a negative COVID test each week.

Refurbishment

- Proposing a change to classrooms. Would like to trial using the library space as a classroom for 3/4E currently 31 students. Existing classroom is very restrictive, due to the 'big' furniture. Feel the bigger room will have a positive impact on student interactions. Library would relocate to current 3 / 4 classroom. Library is currently only used 8 hours per week. The connected classroom at the end of the library will continue to be available. With social distancing in staff room we are considering having this as a collaborative workspace for teachers.