



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Orono Public School

Parent Council Meeting

Date | time 9/27/2021 6:30 PM

In Attendance

Laura Exner, Setina Maclean, Heather Olynyk, Shari McCaugherty, Stephanie Ellis, Heather Radford, Ashley Bell, Brianne LeDrew, Iva Lavigne, Laura Porter,

Approval of Minutes/ Agenda for Meeting

Elections, Fundraising, Follow up from Last Year, Updates

Elections

Iva Lavigne – Chair

Heather Olynyk – Treasurer

Ashley Bell – Regional Rep

Laura Exner – Secretary

Nominations and Elections went well – Congratulations to the New Council for the 2021-2022 School Year

Fundraising/Last Year Follow Up

Fundraising for in person is temporarily put on hold because we are waiting on the Vaccine Policy for Volunteers to be worked out.

Little Caesars Fundraiser has been postponed until Spring 2022 Set Delivery Date for before March Break. Will revisit as policies are updated.

Outdoor Classroom and Shed – Stephen Fisher had started the process of having someone come and look at the school for suggestions on outdoor classrooms – Covid put a halt to it.

Shed for Kindergarten Storage – Stephen had Been in Touch with Mr. Willem? from Clarke to have the Shop class build the shed as a project and the council would pay for the supplies. (Obviously again put on hold because of covid) Setina will reach out to Clarke about how to proceed forward.

Vinyl Hallway Decorations/Hall Naming – Staff will give input & get students involved (this makes is more personal to the school) to come up with ideas. We will need sizing, font, colours etc. Laura E has contacts and will work on pricing for the school.

Scientists in the School – Run a virtual program for the time being. All supplies are delivered to the class and the students participate virtually (until a policy for visitors and vaccines is established)

NRG Breakdance with Jimmy Chapman is on hold until the policy is put in place. Staff have already reached out regarding this. The students love the program.

Council will again give \$100/Class for Scientists in the school and \$100/Class for supplies etc.

There are now 10 Classes. \$200/Class for a total of \$2000 (unanimous vote)

School Trips are on hold until Policy is established regarding volunteers

Update

Raise Money for more technology i.e., Chromebooks

Council would like a Teacher Rep – Always good for feedback from staff on what may be needed etc. Setina will ask the staff.

Stephen Fisher paid for Raz Kids for the school year – Will follow up to find out login information for students

The School Building is refreshed every morning before students are in the school – with the use of HEPA Filters

Council to Give \$200 Dollars for the Grade 6 Grad Celebration (Money to come from Holiday Open House Funds)

Snack and Nutrition Program is still running. The program is funded regionally. Setina will find out how much funding is available/required, and council can revisit allocating some funds to the program.

School Yard Inspection has been completed – Setina will forward the invoice to be reviewed by the council

Orono is sitting at 225 Students – Recess children are separated by age Group. Kindergarten is in the Pen (the alternate Eating/Recess Time to avoid 60 kids in the pen) Grade 1 & 2 are on the black top and top field. Older Grades sectioned on the fields.

Setina would like to keep utilizing the lower fields for recess ensuring there is a safe way for students to proceed there and back during Recess time.

Heather Radford had mentioned that Stephen has started the Medicalert No child without program. Orono needs to be registered and still does not have a code. Setina to touch base with Stephen about this.

Classes are assigned 2 days for Gym and when not in gym are encouraging outside learning and DPA to make up the time. Laura P inquired about the number of minutes required by the ministry and Setina will look into that.

During Rainy Days classes are utilizing the smart boards (go noodle, just dance to keep students active)

Clubs – Chess, Knitting, choir, floor hockey. Ms. Griffin is looking into organization of some of the clubs (protocols are still not fully completed) Spirit days are planned.

Setina has proposed that Council meetings be piggybacked on Staff Meeting days. (Council Agrees)

Council has agreed to Meet in November (Date TBD)

Traditions – Council would love to see some of the traditions brought back to the school

Festive Luncheon, Concerts, Skating Days etc. Will be able to follow up as policies are updated.

Protocols for Sporting Events are still in the works as well – Soccer, Track & Field etc. The Athletic Association is looking into what is required/policy. At the current moment only 6 schools are allowed to gather at a time.

Next Council Meeting

November 2021 Date TBD

Will Discuss Holiday Fundraising