

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Orono Public School

Orono Public School and Kirby Public School Joint Council Meeting

Date | time 11/8/2021 6:30 PM

In Attendance

Laura Exner, Setina Maclean, Ashley Bell, Iva Lavigne, Joanne H, Stephanie Ellis, Heather Olynyk, Heather Radford, Nicole Jones, Melanie Winn, Nicole Reese, Melissa, Amanda Maher, Melissa Staples

Approval of Minutes/ Agenda for Meeting

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
- 4) Principal's report
- 5) Teacher's report
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Discussion Items
 - a) Regional Council Update
 - b) Voting members
 - c) PRO Grant
 - d) Fundraising Initiatives
- 8) Adjournment

Public Health Nurse

Whole School Closures – When would that be considered? Medical Officer of Health makes those decisions it's based on several factors. Is there rapid transmission outside of the cohorts, evidence to say X # of new cases per day. Where are they linked in the school. Can they confirm that it is within the school walls, population size?

Antigen Testing is provided by the ministry of Education. Still waiting on the Board before it comes to the school level Approx. Date Nov 15th

Things we can do as parents – Use the covid tracker, Daily Covid Screening
Even with a Negative Antigen Test still need a PCR as per mandate.

Principals Report

- Virtual Observances for Remembrance Day as School is on Outbreak, things are on pause until that is lifted.
- Retakes will be rescheduled (Nov 24)
- Nature Nancy has been rescheduled for the Winter
- Rocks & Rings can be done internally as equipment is dropped off
- School is working hard to bring stuff to the students

- Leadership survey to be filled out by council
- PRO Grant – Needs to be completed
- Hot lunch has been paused until New Year
- Nov 12th School should be cleared of Outbreak (Confirmed Outbreak lifted)
- All updated on RAZ Kids 7 teachers run out in November to Mid-December can renew. Waiting on rollover budget to cover membership

Teacher's Report

Scientists in the School 3 classes have done it. The virtual program is fantastic.

No one has asked for anything specific now

Some of the Chromebooks are on their last update and will become obsolete.

Treasurer Report

No change since last time other than the playground inspection/top up.

Shop Local – Not on council funds

Council Voted to Purchase 5 iPads one for each of the primary classes and 2 Chromebooks

General Discussion

Gardens Out front look awful. Heather Radford (Alex will clean garden) -Update Garden has been cleaned up

Fundraising Plan – technology (Replacing outdated technology), outdoor shed, outdoor classroom

Skating – Arena will require proof of vaccination status (on pause for now)

Shop Local Fundraiser – Iva was to contact businesses downtown to see if they would participate again.

Flip Give is still open

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – Could do a Drive Thru or Curbside. To investigate it for New Year

Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser – Council to select designs

Vinyl Quotes – Staff and Students have been working on it

Voting Members – Must Agree to come to meetings (Stephanie Ellis, Heather Radford, Nicole Jones)

PRO GRANT – due December 6th. It was suggested to co-join on the Grant with Newcastle PS and the Pines

Dr. Russel Psychologist – “anxiety” \$2500 for the presentation.

Council Voted to apply together with other schools.

Regional Council -Survey Online asking what you would like to see on the KPR Website. What you search for the make it more user friendly. What type of guest speakers’ parents want to see learning in gaps?

Council Inquired about Christmas luncheon/concert. Right now, events like that might not be feasible.

Christmas Tree Lighting for the School – Students can make or decorate ornaments

Iva will contact I wood and see if they can provide, and Heather O offered to seal the ornaments.

Students will come outside and decorate the tree. Laura E is to contact Krumbs to inquire about cookies (update Laura has Secured a donation of a Christmas Tree and waiting quote from Krumbs) Tree Ceremony slated for December 15.

Next Council Meeting

December 13th 6:30 pm