

Copeland PS Council Meeting Minutes **Meeting Date: Monday Nov/19/2018**



Attendees:

Rohini Ferguson, Narda Khan, Shehla Iram, Viral Patel, Payal Ved, Jaya Baid, Leanne Rathbone, Jill Trafford, Sonia Chhina

Past Minutes Approved by: Payal Ved, Viral Patel

Agenda Approved by: Narda Khan

Principal's Report

- Welcome message including introductions around the table.
- Nov 08, Gr1 to Gr 5 Progress Report Cards were sent home and Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report Cards were also sent home.
- Parent/Teacher interviews were held on Nov 15 and Nov 16. Even though Mother Nature threw us a harsh card... many parents did make it to the appointments. It was quite the evening and even though many staff worked through a 12+hour work day they left feeling connected to our families. Nothing really replaces 1 to 1 meetings with parents and we recognize the commitment and dedication of our staff.
- Relationships between home and school are valued at Copeland
- On Halloween everyone was invited to participate in our School Spirit activities including a parade of costumes, fall colours, and Copeland attire allowing everyone to demonstrate our inclusive community.
- United Way Giving Day: This charity is an umbrella charity that allows all to give back to our community. Big Brothers, Big Sisters and many others continue to need our support for programs to continue and provide access to families who need them.
- Pajama day coming up Nov 15.
- Staff Mystery treat day to support the "Giving" and generous supports from staff.
- Raised \$1400 altogether for the United Way this year.
- Board focus on "Anti Bullying". Board will offer supports, resources through Media Videos, Posters, Pledges, kick off with classes in the Fall and will continue for the rest of the year through dialogue with students. This year the focus video is "Choose Action", supporting others by not being a bystander.
- K- Grade 3 family survey was sent home for the Student Census. Families are encouraged to sit down with their children and complete together.
- Grade 4 and 5 students will complete the Student Census independently with their class
- The Student Census will provide information to gain a deeper understanding of the needs of our students and community. This data will allow the board to analyze different pockets and populations in Peel that may require resources and supports for students to be successful. The entire process was voluntary and anonymous.
- Starting next September: the board will look at the size of the board and realigning our Superintendency or Families of Schools according to population growth and distribution of schools. For example, currently one Superintendent may have 23 schools in the North whereas another Superintendent might have 19 in the South. This will also support the model that K-5 schools will be together with their intermediate feeder schools and Secondary colleagues during monthly meetings. This will not affect the school primarily but will assist in the shared decision making for school families.
- Only 4 weeks to Christmas holidays.

- New event this year is “Sneak a Peek”, an exciting opportunity for new families with 3 year olds to come and experience kindergarten during school hours.
- Copeland will have 1 class open for 2 hours in morning and 1 hour in the afternoon.
- Goal is not only to come and see, but experience the upcoming routine “A Day in the Life of Kindergarten”. Thursday December 6th is the date for “Sneak a Peek” and some families may wish to pick up their registration package at that time.
- Police presentation for Grade 4 to be held on November 20th about Internet safety
- We will acknowledge student success on November 30 2018 in our first PAWS Assembly
- Custodial Appreciation Day is November 30th
- December 6th is a big day, Winter concert and Staff Bake Sale
- December 7th, school spirit day, wear your PJs and support Change for Change
- Parent comment:
“Great feeling for Parent/Teacher Interview Day, kudos for all teachers who gave a lot of extra time making it possible for parents to make it possible. Many appointments were cancelled and rescheduled due to weather, but with the cooperation and patience of the teachers it was amazing”
- Ms. Fleming had successful Book Fair
- Mrs. Chhina added, “All of our teachers love kids from the bottom of their hearts, their sincerity and teamwork is amazing, Custodians were out there shoveling snow and helping parents whose cars got stuck in snow too!”

Chairs Report:

- Great Start event we went to last Wednesday. It opened with an excellent speaker who talked about “Inclusivity”. Followed by a variety of other workshops
- Use of Technology at school.**
- How to bring more parents in School Council meetings**
- Syner-voice system being use in many schools and its very successful as well as email notifications
 - Choose and give more fundraising ideas.
 - All cookie Jars are coming on December 10 and there will be 210 jars coming
 - Distribute them on December 13 and December 17th
 - Grand total from this fundraising is\$1087.00
 - 50%of the amount is for School Council

Budget:

- Money for playground has not yet been received, the school is working on quotes, initial quote was for \$8000 by Facility department
- Copeland is having a Tenth Anniversary, suggestions for celebration are welcome
- Celebrations will be on June 06, 2019 after EQAO and EID but before final Report card sent home
- Suggestions for cookie sale ideas and designs:
- January :Snowman, February: Heart, March: Butterfly
- Movie night to be plan for February 21st backup day (due to any unforeseen weather conditions) is February 28th
- February meeting is cancelled due to “Movie night” and no meeting in March as well
- Meeting adjourned by Narda khan@7:50 pm

Next meeting: December 17, 2018 Thank you to everyone for coming, sharing!