

Copeland PS School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Sept.24th, 2018



Attendees:

Zahra Khalfan, Narda Khan, Ghavinder Kaur Rai, Shela Iram, Rohini Ferguson, Muktd Koparde, Pritpal Matharu, Anney deMelo, Dinesh Arora, Leanne Rathbone, Jill Trafford,

Principal's Report from Mrs. Rathbone

- **Mrs. Rathbone:** Welcome message including introductions around the table
- Mrs. Rathbone talked about the staffing changes within the school and impact of Re-Organization, reflecting on the emotional impact on staff, students and families.
- She answered any questions related to Copeland's class organizations for the 2018-2019 year.
- Great to see many returning faces, and some new families
- Mrs. Rathbone referred to a hand out that was available that outlines the role of School Council.
- Mrs. Rathbone thanked all that came out tonight and explained Copeland was still working to have a Staff representative (voice of our teaching staff).
- The importance of having our School Council (she offered the analogy that in a family, we sometimes can be close to a Mother 'in-'law relationship...we love them, we respect and listen to their concerns, ideas and suggestions, and though we may agree is disagree, they are family and we all come together again and again, and work through everything)
- Mrs. Rathbone, explained as a principal how much she values the council's input and feedback throughout the year. Together we make Copeland more successful for all students!
- **Vice Principal, Jill Trafford:** shared calendar events and upcoming important dates to remember for the month of October.
- **Mrs. Rathbone:** handed out information about School Councils and their roles, proposed meeting the 3rd Monday of every month once School Council was determined later in the meeting (usually the same night as Staff meetings).

School Council Roles and Elections -

Role of council is to provide advice and suggestions to admin and support student success. Executive Members are elected every year. Positions elected are:

- Chair = **Rohini Ferguson**
- Treasurer/ Co-Treasurer = **Dinesh Arora**
- Secretary / Co- Secretary= **Shehla Iram**
- other members on the executive committee are:
- Teacher Representative = **Sonia Chhina**
- Community Representative= **Narda Khan**

Meetings are once a month, however only 6 are required by the board. The committee is governed by by-laws as set out by the board.

- Roles were briefly reviewed and meeting dates were set for the year (which are subject to change).

- Meeting nights were voted to be on the **3rd Monday of every month**. Vote was anonymous for the 3rd Mondays as long as it didn't conflict with other School Council on months it need to be moved.
- Meeting dates are as followed:
 - October 15, November 19, December 17, January 14, February 25, April 15, June (year-end potluck).
 - Elections were held and the School Council members elected for 2018/2019 are: **Narda Khan, Rohini Ferguson, Dinesh Arora, Shehla Iram, Mukta Koparde**

Mrs. Trafford highlighted upcoming Student Activities and events

- Dental Screening happening over several different days in early October
- Oct. 4th = Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 5th = World Teacher's Day
- Oct. 5th PD day= no school
- Oct. 8th = Thanksgiving Monday, no school
- Thursday, Oct. 11th= Fall Open House
- Oct 12th =Terry Fox Walk
- October 16th to December 4th= Guitar club begins
- Oct. 24th= TA & ECE Appreciation day
- Oct. 25th= Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 26th= Photo Day
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day (date to be confirmed)

Discussion Topics:

- **Starting hot lunches?** It was decided that pizza would be offered every Thursday starting in November and the last Thursday would be sub, to help keep it consistent so volunteers could come every week and support. However this year, the committee would like to consider new vendors, continue to recruit new parent support and volunteers. = Narda & Rohini
- School Council will have a table up during October Open House, to really gain more volunteers for hot lunches.

Money Decisions: to begin the year Council decided \$ 2000 will be set aside again this year from the beginning to support Grade 5 celebrations at the end of the year. Council was also in support of paying for the license of Razkids for the fall, so primary students can continue to access the online reading program at home up until January.

Fundraising= everyone was encouraged to bring their idea next meetings.

Next Meeting: Monday October 15th, 6:30pm

Thank you to everyone for coming, sharing and connecting!