

Copeland Public School

Minutes of School Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

In Attendance

Anju Mistry	Hina Syed	Tracy De Jong
Cathy Ann Shim	Narda Khan	Manvinder Pabla
Sashanette Roberts	Alia Murtaza	Rubini Suthakaran
Maneesh Cancakhdkam	Amit Bhalla	Mohinder Narula
Lovey Dhaliwal	Anney de Melo	Bhoj Sukhdeo
Amar Sohi	Shaminder Dhillon	Firdausi Sayeed
Lise Ouellette	Leanne Rathbone	Harpreet Hassanwalia

**My apologies if I have misspelled your name.

Welcome- Firdausi Sayeed and Tracy DeJong

- Thanked everyone for coming and mentioned that there is babysitting

Principal's Report- Leanne Rathbone

- Welcomed everyone for coming and asked everyone around the room to introduce themselves.
- Stressed the importance of school council and that it is a partnership between the parents and school.
- Leanne talked about reorganization which happened on September 23rd. June projections were based on 616 students, however current student population is 675. Have gained 3 new classes and 3 new teachers and 1 ECE due to re-org. 100 students were affected by re-org. Had a moving party for all the students that were moving classes to ease the transition. Party went over well and students enjoyed it.
- Copeland is receiving overflow of students from Eldorado PS. Around 15 families, mostly in kindergarten. This is will be for one year and the potential to grow. This may lead to another re-org throughout the year.
- Field Restoration has been postponed due to the addition of new students. Woodchips will be added around the edge of pavement to temporarily relieve drainage problem. As a result, there will be a lot of hard top recesses.
- There were some physical changes made throughout the building such as cubbies, hooks, bathrooms, and storage areas. in preparation for FDK this summer.
- Drop off and pick up safety concern. With the addition of 100 new Full day Kindergarten families to Copeland, the Kiss and Ride and Bus Lanes were reviewed in the Spring by representatives from the City, the PDSB, and Region of Peel. Based on the review, it was decided to switch the 2 lanes. Even with the switch, safety is still a big concern. Parents are not obeying the signs. City of Brampton has considered our site to be a most dangerous site. By Law officers have been coming every day, along with representatives from the Region and also school board. Currently, we are not zoned a school zone by the city. This is being reviewed. Looking for parent volunteers to help in Kiss and Ride.
- Academically, Copeland is a strong school.

- This year the Board's focus is on numeracy.
- Upcoming events: Terry Fox Walk on September 29, Open house on October 2nd.
- Butterfly garden is blooming beautifully. Thank you to all the volunteers coming in during the summer to help water it.
- Anti-Spam Reminder- emails prior to summer have been deleted. Need to provide consent to get emails from the board, school and council.

Q & A For Principal:

- Amar S suggested putting in a complaint with the Peel Police to monitor traffic violations during pick up and drop off.
- Need to have a stop sign at the corner of Young and James Potter.
- Can parents sign a petition? We should get councilors on board and help move along the process of getting proper signage on the streets.

Council Roles and Elections - Firdausi Sayeed and Tracy De Jong

- 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 / Co-Chair
 - Treasurer/ Co-Treasurer
 - Secretary / Co- Secretary
- other members on the executive committee are:
 - Teacher Representative
 - Community Representative
- 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 dates were voted to be on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Vote was 11-6 for Wednesdays, as opposed to Thursdays.
- Meeting dates are as followed: October 8, November 19 (due to thanksgiving holiday), December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13 and June 10 (year end potluck).
- Elections were held and the members elected are:
 - Co-Chair's - Firdausi Sayeed and Tracy DeJong
 - Treasurer- Tina Sodhi
 - Co-Treasurer- Cathy Ann Shim and Bhoj Sukhdeo
 - Secretary - Sashanette Roberts
 - Co- Secretary - Amar Sohi

Chair Welcome - Firdausi Sayeed and Tracy De Jong

- Thanked everyone for their input and asked for everyone support throughout the year.
- Asked someone to be responsible to buy refreshments for the meetings. Shaminder D volunteered to do so.

Committees - Firdausi Sayeed and Tracy De Jong

- Reviewed all the different committees and asked for volunteers to help out. Did not assign roles but asked if everyone can help out when they can.
- The committees are: Lunch, Events, Grad, Fundraising and Pro Grant.
- Dates for Pizza and Subs have been set. There will be 2 pizza days and 1 sub day each month and they will be on Thursdays. We will be collecting orders and money for 3 months at a time.
- Council will have a table set up for the upcoming open house and will be asking for volunteers to sit at the table.
- Have asked teachers to put together a wish list so council knows how much to fundraise for and what the funds will be used for. Would like the wish list to be presented at October meeting.
- Have asked everyone to start thinking about fundraising idea's and to bring suggestions to the October meeting,
- PPro-Grant has been approved for \$1000. Based on comments and feedback from last year, the focus will be on BYOD and Technology.

Public Questions

- Parents present had a concern with grade 2 students in portables. Concerned about their safety: Unsupervised walks between portables and main building for washroom breaks, uncontrollable bodily functions, being approached by strangers and given an access code. Lots of parents feel this way. Mrs. Rathbone is aware of parents concern and agree it is an adjustment the students, however the decision to do so was not taken lightly and was based on a number of factors. There are many safety precautions set up such as buddy program, sign outs and head custodian doing walk about throughout the day. Students are also taught about safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Next Meeting: October 8, 2014 6:30-8:00pm