



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

7:00pm to 8:00pm, virtual via ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Michael Kennedy (Principal), Mary Innocente (Teacher/Librarian), Kim Lussier (Teacher), Dionne England (Co-Chair), Kaija Corlazzoli (Co-Chair), Alison Anderson (Secretary/Communications), Jenny Ma (Treasurer), Erin Pollard (Parent Engagement Lead), lassen Tonkovski (Parent Engagement Lead), Jenna Neu, Jocelyn Jackson (Pizza Lunch Lead), Fazilah Bhanji & Aleem Bhanji (Fundraising Leads), Rishma Bandali Keshavjee (Staff Appreciation Lead), Cathy, J Kendal, Proshat Urbat, Sabiha, Jay Patel, Hoden Egeh

MINUTES:

1. Welcome (Kaija and Mike):

- a. **Land Acknowledgement** – and reminder that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day and the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- b. **Council Introductions** - review of SAC Purpose, 5 School Pillars, ways to be involved

2. Principal's Updates (Mike):

- a. **School Population** – 203 in person students, and 23 attending a virtual classroom based out of Norman Ingram, some of these student's home school is not Norman Ingram but the class is operated out of our school.
- b. **Reorganization** – September 30 is reorganization day within the TDSB, feeling there will not be any changes however will keep families up to date on anything that may occur.
- c. **Welcome to New Staff** – This year we are welcoming several new staff members, Ms. Miller in Kindergarten, Ms. Dietert in Grade 2, Ms. Byca in Virtual Grade 2/3, Ms. Orr in Grade 1 and Mr. Dharsee in Grade 2/3.
- d. **Covid-19 Procedures** – School procedures are very similar to last year, however we are now able to use shared spaces such as the Library and Gymnasium in cohorts (with proper cleaning protocols after use). Other processes include daily health screening, mask wearing, student cohorts and increased cleaning.
- e. **Vaccinations** – We are happy to report that 99% of staff at Norman Ingram are fully vaccinated, and we are confident we will reach 100% very soon.
- f. **Thank You** – A very big thank you to students, parents, staff and families for their partnership and efforts in following all the health & safety protocols and allowing us a successful start of school. Staff worked hard to set up before the school year, and to onboard our new teachers. A very big thank you to Monika Szily, our head caretaker, for her extra efforts to ensure we are on top of all cleaning procedures, and to Ms. Lussier and Ms. Innocente for their leadership in ensuring Norman Ingram is a fantastic place to learn and grow.
- g. **Parking Lot** – The Facilities team will begin working on the resurfacing of the parking lot shortly.
- h. **SickKids Covid-10 Screening** – At the end of October, we will be partnering with SickKids to offer saliva testing for any student displaying symptoms of Covid-19. Test kits can be picked up for home use, and brought back to school for shipment to the lab. More information coming on this, watch for it in the weekly Norman News.
- i. **1-1 Device Program** – The TDSB is rolling out a 1-1 student device program that will see all students in grade 5 and grade 9 receive a Chromebook. These devices are theirs to use for school purposes until 2025. With this, our grade 5s are receiving their devices this week.

- j. **Transition Back to School** – Overall, it has been really great to see the kids out in the school yard playing and having fun. There have been some minor incidents, but we are working through these. Very impressed and students are being respectful and having fun being back in class after the long time away.
 - k. **Question re: Masks Outdoors** – Adults must wear masks outdoors, students do not have to as long as they are in cohorts and remain physically distanced.
 - l. **Question re: Playground** – Is there more we can do to improve the play structure? After the fire there were some modifications but the play structure itself isn't that exciting. TDSB has a set of criteria which are allowed for play structures and school grounds. We have introduced the free play area, the naturalized area and some new games such as Gaga Ball which the students are enjoying a lot. But yes, we can contact the Grounds/Facilities team and discuss what improvements could be made. Mike to report back to council by October 14.
- 3. Treasurer's Update (Jenny):**
- a. Balance is currently around \$12,000. Last year we spent \$8500 mainly in Covid-19 supports for the classrooms, and on regular annual insurance fees.
- 4. Fundraising:** Question on what is currently allowed for fundraising. More direction on this will come from the TDSB soon.
- a. **Pizza Gift Cards** – We still have a number of Pizza Nova gift cards available in the safe for when school lunches are starting up again.
 - b. **Fundraising Committee** – In the past, pre-Covid, we had a very strong Fundraising Committee that would plan and deliver school events throughout the year. Examples are pizza lunches, spirit wear sales, year end BBQ and fun fair, book sales, matching campaigns to raise money for technology. We are open to fun ideas to get this going again once we are permitted to do so.
 - c. **Mr. Kennedy Fundraising Idea** – Mr. Kennedy is open to fundraising campaign where the students who raise the most money get to shave Mr. Kennedy's head.
 - d. **Ms. Innocente Idea** – We are in need of library replenishment and levelled readers for classroom. We are not able to host a book fair like in the past, but can offer a virtual version close to the holiday season.
- 5. Questions:**
- a. **Parking on Duncairn** – Construction teams working at the lot on Berkinshaw are parking directly on Duncairn. While this isn't illegal, it creates many extra vehicles and traffic during the drop off and pick up times. There are also people who park illegally on Duncairn to drop their kids off in the morning. Mr. Kennedy will speak to the workers on the Berkinshaw site to see if they are willing to park on Berkinshaw instead. We are also encouraged to call Toronto Parking Services to report illegal parking.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm

Next Meeting: November 2021, Date TBD, via Zoom, 7:00pm