



## Broadview PS School Council Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2021

### In Attendance:

Administration (4): Julie Derbyshire, Principal / Brad Sokalski, Vice-Principal / Dorothy Penney, Vice-Principal

Teaching Staff (2): Natalie Frank, Primary Representative / Joey Persaud, Kindergarten & Non-Teacher Educational Staff Rep.

Community Rep (1): John Preston

Chairs (2): Melanie Meeking, Blake Doucett

Parent Attendees: (42)

### 1. Co-chair welcome (Lead: Chairs)

#### a) Welcome / Approval of Agenda

- No changes to agenda.

#### b) Council description of structure/activities

- In non-covid years, Council has had various committees but we will keep the structure simple to start this year, similar to last year. If more activities are permitted, committees to support them can be formed later in the year.
- There are limited opportunities for fundraising and community building events to start the year. Will run events later in the year if they are permitted.
- Reminder that any parent/guardian who attends a council meeting has voting privileges on any items that come up for a vote at that meeting.

### 2. Administration welcome and update (Lead: Principal)

- Land Acknowledgment every day before O'Canada
- 910 Students in person
- 43 Homerooms
- Junior and Intermediate Assemblies took place today - Primary will take place later this week.
- Huge thank-you to School Council, Vicky Marrack, Susanne Crooks, Kurt Berger and Dan Fournier from the school board for the support to get the yard renewal completed this summer.
- 2 Staggered Recesses - students grouped into cohorts in zones (groupings/cohorts may shift over the year) - 2 staggered recesses have students from across the school from grades 1-8 (not by division)
- Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th) - We will be hearing from the school board soon as to the expectation.
- We will participate in some sort of Terry Fox Run.
- Forms that need to be filled out:
  - Appropriate Use of Technology
  - Media Release Forms
  - Plan of Care
- Covid - flexibility, change - rules from Ministry, OPH, School Board and Broadview P.S.
- Play structures will remain closed at recesses to start the year as only 1 cohort at a time is permitted. But, BPS staff may consider using play structures during DPA or Physical Education



periods provided that only one cohort accesses them at one time. Physical distancing should be encouraged and hand washing before and after use is required.

- Students are permitted to use school provided equipment for recess. At this time students are not permitted to bring equipment from home.
- All students must remain on school property during nutrition breaks unless parents inform the school they will be going directly home for lunch for the full 45 minute nutrition break. Parents should email Julie and a form will be sent home outlining the process and requiring a signature. Signing in and out of the office is part of this process.
- No masks at recess - only if 2M is maintained.
- Students should not be involved in vigorous activity such as sport specific play (i.e. basketball scrimmages) that would cause students to come into close contact with each other.
- Students are required to wear masks while using equipment outdoors.
- Singing - Singing is permitted outdoors with masks only.
- School Board and School Code of Conduct - dress code - The dress code prohibits any clothing that promotes/symbolizes hate, discrimination, illegal activity, profanity, violence, drugs/alcohol. If needed, your educator or principal will intervene on clothing messages.
- Students are able to express themselves through their clothing choices (e.g. wearing hats in school).
- Class distributions per grade for classes across the school, across programs (ENG, FRE, SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS):
  - 4 Grade 1's
  - 2 Grade 2's
  - 1 Grade 2/3
  - 3 Grade 3's
  - 2 Grade 3/4s
  - 3 Grade 4's
  - 2 Grade 5/6s
  - 2 Grade 5's
  - 2 Grade 6's
  - 4 Grade 7's
  - 1 Grade 7/8
  - 6 Grade 8's
  - 5 Kindergarten Classes

### 3. Division/Teacher Updates (Lead: Teacher Reps)

Teacher	Grade/ Division/Club	News
Joey Persaud (speaker),	Kindergarten rep	Short update since we have only spent 2 days with all our kindergarten students. Our kinder students have been doing such a great job adapting to and learning our school routines - especially considering that due to COVID many of them have limited group / child care experience. We are so proud of our youngest learners, their enthusiasm and love of learning has already become apparent even in the short time we have been with them.



Natalie Frank (speaker)	Grade 3 EFI / Primary rep	Primary update - We are so happy to be back at school and have so much energy in the building. Educators have been working on the "Third Path" with their students which focuses on student safety, regulation, engagement, belonging and creating an inviting environment for our students.
Natalie Frank (speaker)	Grade 3 EFI / Primary rep	Intermediate update - Many teachers across the divisions will be participating in the CIVIX Student Vote. We will hold our mock election on Monday, Sept.20th (am) complete with ballots with candidates from the Broadview riding, voting screens, etc. Ballots will be tallied and reported to CIVIX who will then share the results of students from across the country. By participating, students will learn about the voting process, democracy, mis / disinformation, and how the election works.

#### 4. Introduction of returning parent representatives / Election of parent representatives (Lead: Chairs)

\*Note: Many historical council functions are not viable under pandemic circumstances (e.g. special committees). Ad hoc committees can be struck later, subject to evolving circumstances.

##### a) Returning parent representatives + community representative

ROLE	INCUMBENT
Co-Chairs	Melanie Meeking, Blake Doucett
Yard Improvement and Greening	Vicky Marrack
Secretary	Stacey Coburn
FUNdraising	Sheena Sumarah
Communications Representative	Maja Graham
Kinder Representative	Mijin Kim
Primary Representative	Vicki Marrack
Junior Representative	Tracy Spiegel and Vicki Marrack
Community Representative	John Preston

##### b) Election of parent representatives

- The following new member were voted in by a show of hands:

ROLE in	INCUMBENT
Treasurer	George Kovacheff Badke
Secretary	Kristina Bodnar, Michelle Milne



OCASC Rep	Meaghan Cunningham
Community Engagement Committee	Ali Feeney, Kelly Remfry
Intermediate Representative	Lara Kovacheff Badke
Grad committee Chair	Sameena Khalil

## 5. Current Financial Overview (Lead: Chairs)

- Approximately \$53000 in the bank account to start the year.
- Main expenditures last year (other than yard):
  - Teacher reimbursements - \$3500
  - Workshops/virtual fieldtrips - \$5700
  - Reading subscriptions - \$4200
  - Broadview Cares initiative - \$4000
  - Library books - \$4000
  - Other miscellaneous items

## 6. Expenditure requests from the school (Lead: Principal)

### a) Electronic Books (leveled e-readers)

- Request for leveled readers to support up to grade 5. Excellent resource last year during covid and would like to request support again.

### b) Virtual field trips/workshops

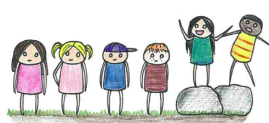
- Request for funds to support virtual field trips as was provided last year.
- Teachers may start booking events soon.
- Teachers may also wait and see if in-person field trips become an option later on the the school year.
- Council could support either online or in-person event - one per class.

### c) Interest in supporting York Street (sister school)

- Agreed to present and discuss ideas at October budget meeting.

## 7. Fundraising approach (Lead: Principal)

- Most successful fundraisers are in support of a specific goal.
- Fundraisers should be announced with the intent to support a specific initiative so that parents know where the money is being directed.



## 8. Votes on immediate expenditures (Lead: Chairs)

- a) Leveled e-readers
- approx \$4200.00

- b) Virtual field trips
- approx \$5700.00

**VOTE: All items approved (no objections)**

## 9. Next Steps and Questions

### a) General Discussion

- Fundraising requests for council: Teachers will come up with ideas and can present them to Julie to raise at council meetings. Parents are welcome to present ideas too.
- It is still not possible to serve food in schools, so no pizza days for the time being.
- The mud kitchens from the Kinder yard were removed when the yard work was done this summer. Looking to get them somewhere they might be of use - a number of suggestions were presented.
- Work was done in the yard in the summer. There is concern that the new mulch for the tree on the hill will blow away as it is only contained on 3 sides. Efforts will be made to contain the mulch before winter, and it is possible to look into an extra log to contain the mulch.
- DPA bags are in good shape. Might need to be replenished for winter supplies.
- Hoping for options for snowsuit and food drives this year, similar to last year.
- Hoping to do a virtual Global awareness week this year
- Access to the library may be in the form of a travelling library this year

**Meeting adjourned, 8:05 p.m. / Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

*\*Broadview School Council is a group of volunteers who work to complement and enrich the educational experience of Broadview students. Volunteering and attending council meetings are great ways to be informed and to shape the direction of the school for our kids.*