

School Council 2020 - 2021



December 1, 2020

Item	Details	Discussion	Action/Questions/Responses
In Attendance	Voting Members: Veronica Lewis (Co Chair) Brianna Orava (Co Chair) Cheryl Chelsea Jenna Hunter Trish Barker Donna Henderson Jill Murphy Marian MacGregor Tracey Scott Candice Wiggins Karla Benoit	Regrets from Voting Members: Jen Morrison Cheryl Chelsea Yvonne Chow Laura Lighthead Non-Voting Members: Lisa Cooke (Principal) Alyssa Armstrong (Teacher Rep) Regrets from Non- Voting Members Perry Iacobellis	-
Meeting to Order	Welcome Acceptance of Minutes		N/A Acceptance of Minutes: Motion – Jenna Hunter Second – Jill Murphy All in favour -Post to website
Principal Report	<i>Business Items</i>		
	Administration Profile	Review of admin profile	Attachment/inset No oppositions, document passed as drafted.



Admin Profile
School Council final

General Updates

Staffing

Ms. Corless's (Grade 8) last day today and interviews ongoing until tomorrow night to start Thursday.

Lindsay Grasmeyer (PT English in FI Program) was new 0.5 contract but she has now been hired full-time at another school and will be moving. Ms. Skazin will be interim until that position fills.

PD
Math and Literacy

- An offer went out to teachers with topics related to the School Action Plan – there was an overwhelming response
- 4 sessions were offered with great uptake
 - Diagnostic assessments and how to utilize
 - Adding and subtracting and the principles of numbers. Helping teaching identify the foundational gaps
 - Patterning
- Teacher engagement and excitement already seen in the classroom.
- English Program: Comprehensive literacy with Mr. I underway
- French Program: Comprehensive literacy rescheduled to January 2021.

-None-

Conferences

- Well received
- Minor technical glitches experienced, which were rectified with phone calls to the families.
- Some parents preferred the online ability to the traditional in class experience, mainly due to ease in scheduling

-None-

Virtual Assemblies

- Positive experiences with the current virtual assemblies taking place
- Combining the character assemblies and holiday or winter themed items during the next assembly. Parents will be able to see what their child has put together in Google Classroom

-None-

	<p>FI: Grade 8 – 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition meeting for students during the day and Parents at 7:00 PM with North coming up Dec 9 via Google Meet. Guidance representation and the head of French at North will be joining the information session • A. Armstrong attended a meeting with North, geography teachers where the topic of discussion was the key benefits of continuing French through to Gr 12. • A voting member noted that there seems to be consensus with Grade 7 students to continue with Eastview vs. transition to North. Alyssa responded to the comment, providing this consensus will likely change once the current Grade 7 students are closer to transitioning to Grade 9. • L. Cooke provided: Gr 1 FI has opened and is seeing a positive intake 	<p>Questions regarding the meeting which took place with the Geography teachers are to be directed to Alyssa</p>
	<p>Snow Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The coterminous board has announced that they will close schools when busses are cancelled. Contrary, SCDSB feels strongly that their schools will stay open as best as possible • All teachers were able to make it into the school today for the first snow day • Great turn out of students at the school • Seamless transition to the online learning with Google Classroom for those students who stayed home to learn today • Classrooms were not blended during the snow day, regardless of size. This was to maintain the integrity of cohorts. It was noted that this method appears to be well received • A voting member provided support in the decision and direction that FHPS is taking with snow days and bus cancellations. The member further provided that the Catholic board has released contrasting messaging, noting that there may not be enough teachers to run and operate the classrooms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Cooke further provided: FHPS outlook is that the school will stay open and is encouraging of families to continue to send their children as long as safety permits. ○ L. Cooke further provided a brief overview of the considerations applied when deciding to cancel busses, including child wait times at bus stops, 	<p>-None-</p>

		and road conditions	
	COVID-19 Update	<p>COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 is in the community, however, not yet in the school. • Some students have had to isolate due to close contact. This does not mean that siblings are required to be at home isolating. • There is a long extending ripple effect that people need to be aware of • Teachers and staff are doing their best to ensure COVID does not reach their classroom. Teachers continue to wear proper safeguards including masks and shields. This is not to be unapproachable, but to help ensure FHPS is doing their part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. • L. Cooke further provided clarification on the meaning of isolation, noting that a person is to stay in a room in the home, and not roam freely to all rooms within the home. • Further discussion was had regarding the testing process when one comes in close contact with a positive case. • Clarification was given that siblings will be required to isolate if a family member tests positive, and SMDHU will provide clear direction of steps to be taken by that individual 	-None-
	Round Table	<p><u>Construction and Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A voting member requested an update regarding the recently completed construction and parking issues, and the actions that can be anticipated of the municipality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Cooke provided that the curbs must stay, as the design is integrated with the stormwater management system. ○ L. Cooke further provided that the municipality and engineering firm are being cooperative and a push from parents would not be ideal. ○ L. Cooke additionally provided that the cones are still up while the engineering firm and municipality continue to investigate the best available alternative and required course of 	L. Cooke Action: Send reminder for pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk and not walk on the road alongside parked cars

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o action. o It is anticipated that the municipality will have an update provided to L. Cooke by the end of the week (Dec 4, 2020) • ACTION: L. COOKE: A voting member requested an additional reminder be sent for pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk and not walk on the road along side of the cars. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A voting member requested clarification if the school is encouraging the kiss and ride program due to the concern over pedestrian walk arounds? o L. Cooke provided: promotion of the kiss and ride program is not necessarily the case. The additional congestion seems to be related to the rise in number of students not riding the bus. 	
Teacher Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Armstrong provided that teachers are grateful for the funds offered by Parent Council. • Employee engagement axe throwing, staff social was a success. All COVID-19 protocols were adhered to during this social experience. 	-None-
Fundraising	SGF Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deficit was reported for the Summit Rock climbing equipment. The company does not have the funds to provide a refund but we hope after COVID we can have them come. • ACTION L. COOKE: A quote to replace the basketball backdrops and hoops was received totaling of \$15,000. The quoted price reflects the replacement of poles and hardware as well, which was noted as a requirement. L. Cooke still investigating options and discussing with the board. 	L. Cook Action: investigate options and liaise with the board regarding basketball backdrop and hoop replacement.
	Poppy Campaign Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legion wanted to pass on a sincere thank you for the generous donation toward the poppy campaign. 	-None-
	Pizza Palace Evening: Nov 17 &18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main purpose was community outreach, which was accomplished. • Pizza Palace received 20 orders and parent council earned 10% of profits. • Marian requested feedback regarding the 	<p>Marian Action: coordinate additional pizza night to take place in the new year (February)</p> <p>Marian Action: investigate the potential</p>

		<p>lack of uptake. The following was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The deadline did not work for most ○ Larger family option was suggested ○ More pizza options was suggested ○ MARIAN ACTION: Repeating the fundraiser again in in February was suggested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marian confirmed that Pizza Palace is willing to undertake the venture again in the new year. ○ MARIAN ACTION: It was suggested that there be an option to purchase a voucher to use any night. The preference of Pizza Palace is to have the one or two nights. Marian to investigate further. 	option to purchase a voucher for Pizza Palace
	Chicken on the Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School to engage the Chicken on the Run fundraiser • L. Cooke shared the Shanty Bay PS fundraiser with Council as an example • Fundraiser can be open ended / ongoing or be for a specified period. • Voting members suggested that this fundraiser might have a greater impact by having the initial offering for a short period and then potentially transition to an open-ended fundraiser. • L. COOKE ACTION: If this is offered for a defined period of it, it was requested that the fundraiser be advertised in the Monday message over the course of 2 weeks 	L. Cooke Action: when fundraiser is implemented, a reminder is to be noted in the Monday message
	Mabel's Labels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. COOKE ACTION: Mabel's Labels reminder to go in the newsletter. It was suggested that this be tagged to the number of items being placed in the lost and found 	L. Cooke Action: Mabel's Labels reminder to be noted in the Monday message
Question/Inquiry	Outdoor classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Cooke provided an overview of the outdoor classroom project. • The project is detailed as two (2) areas with two (2) weatherproof whiteboards, and seating • Project was quoted at \$25K two (2) years ago and the company is requesting a requote take place. 	-None-

	Teacher Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A voting member inquired how teachers are being supported during the rise in COVID-19 cases and the introduction of the virus into our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Cooke provided that school administration is tapping into those who are especially stressed. Trying to provide as much transparency and information as possible ○ Administration is reminding staff that although there is lack of control over the current state of the virus, we do have control over the safety precautions we take personally and within the school and classrooms. ○ Administration is working on employee engagement, including small things like having a food truck attend every Wednesday for teachers to purchase lunch. Additionally, the mental health team and social committee are trying to actively engage the teachers, trying to keep spirits up. 	-None-
	Grade 8 Graduation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was raised regarding 2021 Grade 8 graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Cooke booked the outdoor pavilion in anticipation of the ability to conduct an outdoor event ○ Parents can count on a virtual event – ○ ACTION ALYSSA: Discuss the potential of different events with the grade 8 team. • Lawn signs, sweatshirts, and grab bags will all be done in advance this year • The yearbook is still taking place • ACTION: L. COOKE It was asked if food truck gift certificates could be purchased as teacher gifts. L Cooke to find out. 	<p>Action L. Cooke: determine if food truck gift certificates are available for purchase.</p> <p>Yes they can but not advertising school wide. Contact L. Cooke if wish to do so.</p>
	Midhurst Families Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Cooke expressed her gratitude for being profiled in the Midhurst Families Newsletter. L. Cook noted her delight for being welcomed into the community. L. Cooke's 	-None-

		profile will be in the December issue of the newsletter.	
New Business	Pro Grant	<p>Parents reaching out grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Cooke – gave an overview of the grant and the utilization. • “PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being.” http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/memos/feb2017/2017_2018_pro_grants_school_council_en.pdf • Council Chair requested a volunteer(s) from Council come forward to assist with drafting the grant proposal. Volunteers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Candice, Tracey, Jill, Veronica, and Alyssa • L. COOKE ACTION Send grant information to the PRO Grant volunteers 	L. Cooke Action: Send grant information to the PRO Grant volunteers
Agenda Items for January		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No agenda items brought forward for the January meeting. All agenda items for the January 5th meeting to be submitted to co-chairs by December 17th • COUNCIL CHAIR ACTION: Council Chair to circulate a request for agenda items in December 	Council Chair Action: Council Chair to circulate a request for agenda items in December

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Future Meetings: January 5, February 2, April 6, May 4, June 1