

SCC Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2021

Attendees:

Raquel Weinmaster, Shaune Beatty, Baydon Rowe, Polly Anne Rowe, Julie Gabriel, Janelle Prybylski, Randeem Simonsen, Nicole Pohl, Oriahna Ries, Tim Bomboir, Richelle MacDonald, Breanne Gelowitz, Lisa Wotherspoon

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Julie Gabriel

Lisa Wotherspoon welcomed to meeting.

Motion to adopt old minutes made. All in favour, motion passed.

Financial Report:

- Not many changes during month of March except for hot lunch. We lost \$40 on the lunch but it was a great event for the kids to have a hot lunch.

Principal's Report:

- Staff Changes - many changes are unknown but Mr. Beatty will be leaving Yorkdale next year to become VP at YRHS. Mr. Dennis Nesseth will be coming to Yorkdale to take over the Principal role.
- Covid Report
 - Proper dual PPE has helpful in preventing staff members being deemed close contacts. The provincial situation remains fluid, so we will continue to take things as they come and adapt as necessary.
 - The last round of remote learning sessions for the grades affected by the last covid case at Yorkdale went really well. Each session has shown some improvement as feedback from previous sessions was acted upon. The mental health check in mid week seemed to be helpful for students. Regular social science and classes were able to continue and that routine also seemed to help students.
 - No update yet on Grade 8 Farewell in terms of what will be allowed, however, Yorkdale is committed to doing something special for the Grade 8's this year.
- LLI - 3 new groups will start in April.
- Kindergarten - Sprint periods are going well and kindergarteners are showing signs of growth.
- Writing - Just as March had a focus on math, this month the focus will be on writing. Mr. Beatty observed some Grade 5's looking at the Grade 8 writing board today and was happy to see their interest. Each grade will get a turn having their writing showcased for a couple of weeks.
- School Environment

- “OurSCHOOL” Survey will be starting this week. Much of this survey has to do with how kids feel about school – if it’s a place they feel included and safe, and how they feel about their learning, for example. The purpose of the survey is to direct planning for the coming year, and to allow students voices to be heard as part of that planning.
- Mental Health First Aid and ASIST are being offered to some staff members. These courses will be helpful in providing mental health supports to students.
- YCS – YRHS hot lunch collaboration went really well, and was enjoyed by all.
- Attendance – has been a little trickier this year, however, attendance is always an issue. A question was raised re: remote learning attendance. Mr. Beatty clarified that absences for remote learning are still marked as absence, but there is a separate attendance list to mark who attends or participates in the remote learning.
- Math Screeners – one was completed prior to break. Mr. Beatty would like to do one more before end of school year. Some of these screeners don’t seem to accurately reflect where students are at, however, overall, Mr. Beatty is happy with how students are doing. The screeners are helpful at identifying where specific students need help and where whole classes may need additional work.
- High Traffic & Student Safety – There has been ongoing concern re: traffic around the school at drop off and pick up times. Mr. Beatty shared that the City did clear back all snow on the west side of Gladstone. Would we like to see a “radar speed board” around Yorkdale given the busy street and proximity of the highway? Consensus from SCC members was yes. Mr. Beatty will draft a letter along with Julie Gabriel to present to City of Yorkton.

Old Business:

- Hot lunch was already discussed. It went well, and we will consider this partnership again in the future.

New Business:

- Next meeting will be May 4th, 2021.
- New fundraisers – this topic was tabled for discussion at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm