



F.R. Haythorne Junior High School Council Meeting

Wednesday October, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Attendance:		
Shelley Brewer Semple	Cecile Palm	Jacqueline Filipek
Jessica Smith	Jennifer Daly	Cecile Palm
Aaron Tuckwood	Marlene Crippin	
Erin Clark	Susan Shwaga	
Colleen Adamic	Jennifer Day	
Stephanie Vandermeulen	Colleen Seward	
Tracey Hill	Tracey Hill	

Agenda

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Wednesday September 15, 2021**

- 1) Call to Order at 6:04pm
- 2) Introductions
 - Shelley Brewer-Semple welcomed all parents to the meeting
 - Shelley Brewer-Semple – Past President
 - Rejeita Kumar – Vice President
 - Mrs. Don Irwin - Trustee
 - Ms. Jessica Smith – Principal
 - Mr. Aaron Tuckwood – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Erin Clark – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Stephanie Vandermeulen – Teacher Representative
 - Introduction of all other people present
- 3) Nomination and Vote on Roles
 - a. Chair – Rejeita Kumar nominated Shelley Brewer Semple. Shelley accepted and will stay on as chair.
 - b. Secretary – No nominations were given.

4) Motion to Approve Minutes from final meeting

- Motion to Approve: Tracey Hill
- Seconded: Colleen Seward
- Motion Passed

5) Motion to Approve Agenda- additions/deletions

- Motion to Approve: Marlene Crippin
- Seconded: Tracey Hill
- Motion Passed

6) Trustee Report- Don Irwin

- Thanks to the excellent efforts of students, parents, and staff, schools are operating in person and close to normal for the first month and a half of the school year.
- We appreciate everyone's extra effort to make school operate and be successful for student learning.
- This year, we are working on eliminating student learning gaps and providing students with a safe and healthy return to school. To this end the board has funded \$1 million over two years for learning gap funding and \$500,000 that schools can apply for this year to assist with social emotional health while returning to school.
- The National Day of Truth & Reconciliation September 30 and school events leading up to it was a good start on the road to reconciliation.
- Budget - One of the key roles of the Board of Trustees is to plan and monitor our approximately \$200 million budget. We receive quarterly updates and are alerted of variations. One area we needed to deal with this month was a decreased bus ridership due to COVID 4th wave having more parents driving students and less ridership revenue. We were able to cover this out of our reserves without a fee increase or less buses and longer ride times.
- Our enrolment this fall is 16,836 down from the 16,902 that we budgeted in the spring. We have 42 students on home education and 241 students in outreach.
- We have continued to give the Ministry of Education feedback on the proposed new curriculum in terms of the content and the timing of it's introduction. The report that we had done in the spring and the work done by teachers over the summer indicates that the curriculum needs much revision and delay before being implemented.
- Please feel free to ask questions about anything in this report or related to the board of trustees either at the meetings or by contacting me directly.
- My cell phone is 587-986-3900 and my email address is don.irwin@eips.ca.

7) Administration Report-

a. Jessica Smith

- i) We are up students – over 660. We have added two honours classes at Grade 8 and Grade 9. We had some students join us from other schools
- ii) Staffing – We lost our library tech, and have hired Lauren Seal. Comes with lots of experience in the public libraries. We have done a lot to support our staff this year and give them as much support as we can to keep up the positivity. We treated everyone to a staff lunch, and took a staff photo for everyone.
- iii) Fees – these are live. We are trying to be very sensitive. Anyone who is struggling, please reach out to me and we can connect. We cannot waive them, but point them in the right direction.
- iv) Results Review – We will be meeting in November with the new board to discuss. Our goals are Lit – Num – Culture. We have been talking a lot about assessment and how to connect this to students. How students can dig down for information.

b. Aaron Tuckwood

- i) PowerSchool – The app has been updated and is much better and simple. We are working on getting everything done through the app from now on. It will be much easier to use.
- ii) Athletics – Volleyball is coming to an end. We are making up games currently and will be heading to playoffs. Our teams are doing really well. Credit goes to coaches and athletes. All coaches are outside of the school, parents and volunteers.
- iii) Basketball starts after November Break and runs into the new year. We are in need for coaches for these teams.
- iv) Cross Country – we had to be creative, and ran it over two days to reduce the amount of people. Strathcona Wilderness Center was amazing, well set up and they did a great job.
- v) Live-Streaming – we have been doing this because of COVID, be likely will remain after COVID as it is really nice for families.

c. Erin Clark

- i) Renovations and upcoming plans – We had work done this summer in the main office, fitness room, and on the boiler. Our plan is to work on the library next and have the flooring changed.
- ii) Indigenous work and space – We also completed two spaces this year, our Land Based Learning Circle, as well as FNMI room. These will be smudged soon and open for student use. We are also going to be looking at how these rooms can be used at lunch to support our Indigenous students.
- iii) Outdoor Classroom – At the end of last year we used some funds to purchase high tables in the hallways. Students are able to stand there

and work collaboratively. The picnic tables were moved outside and secured to the ground. This has become the outdoor classroom with teachers taking the rolling whiteboards out.

8) Teacher Report- Stephanie Vandemeulen

- a. Professional Learning – Attending a district wide PD for vertical non-permanent surface, standing up demonstrating visible thinking and collaboration. We are looking at how we report this.

9) Mental Health Capacity Builder – Not available to attend today.

- Shared with Brentwood this year
- She has been connecting with students this
- Ms. Jimmy – Treaty 6 Person
- QR Codes – around the building
- Mental Health Literacy – For Grade 7
- Hallway activities

10) COSC Review- No meeting yet this year. We will provide more information in October.

11) Questions for Administration

- Super Happy with Hot Lunch – Want Variety, find out about volunteers
- Jessica if you are looking for in

12) Motion to Close the Meeting - 6:44pm

- Motion to Approve: Marlene Crippin
- Seconded: Jennifer Daly
- Motion Passed