

**School Council  
Bells Corners Public School**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 9 2021

Meeting called to order by Chair, Royce Robbins, at 6:33pm

Attendance: Royce Robbins, David Petrie, Sadhana Lad, Dee Campbell, Jen Jarabek, Marc Reside, Marianne Tilton

**Dave Petrie, School Principal**

Sadhana is on two-week intervals in the office.

Children seem happy to be back, and with one another. Normally at this time we would have 130-15 clubs. Teachers are trying to do what they can to help children feel part of a group (eg. read-alouds)

Challenges:

- Isolation room
- The number of days students need to be away if they come into contact, and ensuring they actually stay out of school for the full duration

For September 2021, most students are returning to in-person learning. Only 15 are going online. It's VERY helpful to have accurate data for the planning of Fall hiring. It can be the difference between having two nicely spaced rooms, and merging grades. A reorganization in the Fall doesn't benefit anyone.

For health and allergy reasons, **Dee** asked the Board to consider not allowing the 'Healthy Cart' to serve eggs. There was much conversation, and ultimately Mr Petrie invited Dee to send him a detailed email which he will forward to the appropriate person.

**Royce Robbins with Jen Jarabek**

Scholastic - we have money to spend. Teachers are invited to send their wish list to Marianne. Eg, games for classes on rainy days

Library Books: There is still \$900 waiting to be spent on books for the library. Dave will communicate that to the Librarian.

Leaving Ceremony: Dave requesting money for yearbooks and trophies, t-shirts, lawn signs. Jen: last year we gave \$1200 for the Leaving Ceremony. Dee moves to assign \$1000 to the 2021 leaving ceremony. Jen seconds.

School council will pay up to \$882 for last year's yearbooks. An invoice is required in order to reimburse the school.

Scientists in the Schools: trying to get a virtual option. Ms Pryce did the online option with her class in the fall of 2020. \$1780 is remaining. Marianne to tell teachers it's available.

Funds for Physical Fitness: \$326 had been assigned to skating needs. Discussion to reassign funds to outside games. Items need a 48 hour quarantine, which makes choosing items a bit challenging. Soccer balls seem okay. Children are creating new games, such as shadow tag. Royce moves to give the \$326 to that fund, to be spent as soon as possible. Dee seconds.

Trees in OLC: they will need to be checked on, to ensure they are growing well.

Chalkboard: Royce shared his vision for the chalkboards. They should be rust resistant (eg. steel). Royce will request a new quote from Canotek, as prices have increased since the pandemic. Royce wants to put them on a backing and to use oil primer. **Deadline for completion**: May 2021 for use over May and June. The cost for the chalkboards will come out of the OLC account which has \$2500. We estimate the chalkboards will cost \$1800.

There is \$710 remaining in the fund that was for teacher reimbursements for classroom supplies. It's now being re-assigned to General Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm