

DATE: Tuesday October 5 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair, Royce Robbins.

Attendance: Royce Robbins, Sadhana Lad, Dee Campbell, Christy Stanhope, Elysa Esposito, Amy Cameron, Troy, Kish Kille, Trish Charboneau, Marianne Tilton

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Welcome back to the 2021/2022 school year. My name is Sadhana Lad and we also welcome Elysa Esposito (VP). BCPS is off to a great start. We have started the year with routines and a focus on getting to know students to create a strong sense of belonging for our students. Staff have set out a plan to take time to get to know the students and we are using the [Third Path](#) as a vehicle to guide our practice, to ensure that all our students' voices are heard - including honouring learning styles.

The Third Path: 8 pillars to explore throughout the year. This intentional focus does not mean that this is new to our educators. They are already doing and we are being more cognizant of how we are achieving this, especially in a time where student well-being is a focus.

Concussion Awareness Information for parents, students and staff has been shared by the district and review of the concussion protocols should be reviewed.

Operational Structures that are in place to date:

- Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is providing interactive **school bus safety** presentations [online](#). The interactive presentation is 30 minutes long. One is appropriate for [Kindergarten students](#), one for [grades 1-3](#) and the other from [grades 4-8](#).
- Schools are reminded of the importance of completing the OSTA form for students with a **life threatening medical condition**. Please refer to [Plans of Care](#) for students with life-threatening conditions and the associated policies and procedures.
- We had our **first fire drill** last week and students for the most part responded well with preparation from educators
- The **second fire drill** will not be announced. Our focus of the drills is to ensure social distanced exiting.
- **Healthy snack** is up and running. Change in staff: we welcome Zamon Tavalloi as our healthy snack monitor
- **Recess zones:** students are cohorted into zones for safety. They are large and allow students a great deal of room to play interactively within their cohort. Students are permitted to bring equipment out from their classroom. OPH guidelines discourage any use of equipment brought from home.

- **Student announcements** have started to take place and we have added an acknowledgement of the land that we are learning on.
- We recently honoured **National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**; our learning will be ongoing throughout the year.
- **Monthly assemblies** are back & interactive; educators are recognizing achievements of the entire class. Eventually students will be presenting and we'll invite parents to join in.
- A **space for prayer** has been provided for students who wish to pray

Gratitude Tree

Bells Corners PS is unveiling a gratitude wall for students and staff. Gratitude fosters well-being and a positive mindset, which is paramount in student learning. In the coming weeks, we will develop a display to capture moments of gratitude and student voice.

The Window Renewal project will run Oct. 18th to December. The project is 6 weeks in total, however in order to accommodate any roadblocks, we are estimating 2 months.

Classes that are impacted:

- grade 2 with Ms. Frantz - she will be relocated to a room in the primary hall
- grade 4 MFI and LLD Junior will be moving across the hall in the Junior hall
- body break room will relocate to the Junior classroom.

Our two custodians took time this weekend to move furniture to make space for our classes, and we are truly grateful for that. Staff who are impacted will also receive moving time for personal materials.

Safety is always at the forefront of any organization to a renovation project. Scaffolding will be placed outside of the section of windows and a screen will be built around it with a gate. We will also close off the zone, so students do not go near the construction zone or the gates.

Meet the Staff Night will be held on October 7. Each educator has sent information to parents communicating the time and accessing the google link.

OPH Guidelines:

Due to OPH guidelines we are 1) not permitting parents in building, and 2) reducing amount of contacts to staff and students. If there is an emergency and we require parent support to facilitate specialized support to their child, this will be taken into account when permitting parents into the building.

For November Meeting: Parents asked to look through the **appropriate use of technology**. OCDSB would like their feedback:

Appropriate use of Technology

- Share current Appropriate Use of Technology policy ([P.100.IT](#)) with School Council Chair.
- Share the following Google [form](#) with their school council Chair to collect council feedback.
- Ask school council Chair to protect time at either the October or November school council meeting to review [P.100.IT](#) and to collect feedback from their members according to the

questions on the form. School councils may consider allocating up to 30 minutes for this conversation at their meeting.

ROYCE

- Royce is not putting his name in for Chair this year. He will stay on for one more meeting.
- We need a new Treasurer; Jennifer no longer has children at BCPS
- Dee is elected as Secretary by acclamation
- Discussion on the value of offering \$50 stipend to teachers again. Christy moves to spend up to \$1700. Seconded. Motion passes.
- Discussion on the value of contributing to the cost of RazKids: (\$1000). Amy moves to give \$500 to BCPS to pay for half of the cost. Seconded. Motion passes.

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- Staff are happy to be back in the building with students teaching in person. It has been a relatively smooth start up.
- Teachers have identified the following items from the Scholastic funds: books on diversity/featuring diverse characters; books connected to Indigenous topics including residential schools; books for guided reading (eg: sets of 6 books) connected to science and social studies curriculum. Some of these resources will be for teacher resources, some for general library circulation and some be included in class libraries. Marianne has an initial list of specific titles she will share with Christy S.

CHRISTY

Discussion on the lack of safety at after school pickup. Solutions were discussed. Eg. pickups at the back gate and closing off the lot entrance at 3:45pm. Sadhana and Elysa will discuss it and come up with a solution.

FUNDRAISING

Dee to send info on Mabels Labels to Amy Cameron.

Scholastic is a fundraiser that we can still do. Dee is working on getting flyers to teachers asap.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm