

CORONATION PUBLIC SCHOOL – School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes: June 2, 2020

Present: Stephanie Banning, Barry Bedford (Principal), Janice Bosak (Secretary), Margaret Buchan (Chairperson), Laura Cassar (Team Fun), Nicole Johansen (Team Fun), Kevin Little, Lisa Little, Irene Mallory, Tina Mandal (Vice-Principal), Patricia MacMillan, Sarah Mitchell (Staff Liaison), Katrina Morin (Treasurer)

Regrets: Amanda Black, Jen Clarke, Karen Cripps, Angela Fazio, Kristina Haringa, Stacey Mulligan, Jennifer Palciauskas, Kate Penney, Linda Ring (Staff Liaison)

Format: Videoconference

Recorder: Janice Bosak

WELCOME: Margaret welcomed all participants; she thanked the Teachers and Administration for all of their hard work and efforts over the course of this challenging year

INTRODUCTIONS: All participants introduced themselves to one another

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Barry Bedford & Tina Mandal:

First Nations Land Acknowledgement - Mr. Bedford shared the “First Nations Land Acknowledgement”

Anti-Black Racism

- All staff at Coronation will take a stand against anti-black racism
- Coronation will do all they can to ensure all students, staff and community members feel safe and welcome
- The stance on equity remains unchanged; all are welcome, supported and belong

SUCCESS

What Admin has Been Doing since start of Pandemic (8th week of school closure)

- Admin has been at school numerous times organizing and dispensing technology to Coronation families
- Worked through 3 staffing transfer rounds; hiring and scheduling
- Scheduling teacher visits respecting social distancing to get distance education materials numerous times
- Completed suicide prevention administrator leadership awareness workshops
- Organizing parent drop-ins to collect items
- Working on class organization and out of area placements
- Supervising online learning, visiting google classrooms and providing feedback
- Attending technology workshops with staff

- Organizing weekly staff and division meetings
- Facilitated PRIDE Flag raising in partnership with PFLAG Durham Region
- Working in collaboration with our Social Worker to support a variety of families in need
- Organizing distribution of grocery gift cards in collaboration with the board for families in need
- Attending to our families during the pandemic

Assessment and Highlights During Distance Learning

- The focus is on providing students with descriptive feedback (e.g. what the student did well and next steps to be applied to future assignments)
- Students are not penalized for not participating in distance learning (due to family circumstances, mental health, etc.)
- Distance learning tasks will be considered for assessment on report cards
- Teachers have created Virtual Classrooms and some Mindfulness Classrooms during distance learning
- Examples of Distance Learning were shared (e.g. Engaging Math Tasks and Week at a Glance)
- Intermediates are composing their own variations on Mozart's "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"; a link to a sample composition was shared

Report Cards

- Students will receive report cards at the end of June
- Learning skills and subject marks will be on report cards
- Marks will be based on assessment, assignments etc. from Term 2 to March 13th
- If students have made progress during distance learning that can be reported on
- For strands/subjects that were not covered in Term 2, there will be a letter "I" on the report card which represents "Insufficient Evidence"

Bell Times for 2020/2021 School Year - Slight Change

- 9:00am – duty starts – this is a change from this past school year which was 8:55a.m.
- 9:15am – bell rings for entry and class starting (no bell at 9:10am)
- 12:00 – 1:00pm – lunch recess (no entry bell at 12:55pm)

EQUITY

Upcoming Dates of Significance - June

- National Indigenous History Month
- Portugese Heritage Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- PRIDE Month

Teachers have been integrating some of these Dates of Significance into their work with students

PRIDE Flag Raising in Partnership with PFLAG Durham

- On May 13, 2020, 9 staff attended a PRIDE flag raising at Coronation to show support for students

DDSB Dress Code

- A new draft dress code policy was emailed to SCC and feedback has been requested on the new policy
- Feedback can be shared with Admin via email or in the following chart for review over the summer:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QAjFX4UxAGcJQE0xP8IFYfRKKEsQE6XmGr0NGN8l3g/edit>

WELL-BEING

Community Resources

- School has sent out 20 grocery gift cards to families in partnership with the Board (DDSB Poverty Strategy)
- School has provided a variety of community resources in collaboration with school Social Worker to families in need
- Kid's Help phone has been used

Teachers Focusing on Well-Being Throughout Distance Learning

- Teachers have reached out to students through Google Meet
- Digital Calming Options and Resources have been provided to some students (e.g. links to calming sounds and links to Guided Meditation)

ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Graduation Activities

- Virtual graduation will occur on June 23, 2020 at 7pm for Grade 8 students
- Invitations and instructions will be sent out to families to access the online graduation
- Extended family can attend with permission via email request
- Class of 2020 grad shirts have been purchased for all Grade 8 Graduates
- Class of 2020 Banner ordered; will be displayed outside the school to facilitate family photos while respecting social distancing; Banner available for pictures with Kindergarten and Grade 8 graduates
- Awards have been decided upon and ordered
- Photographer, Christine Cousins, has been booked to take grad photos with quotes on June 24 and 25th at no cost to students. Pictures will be available for pick up/mail out in early July; Need support to ensure families adhere to social distancing
- Mr. Bedford requested input as to whether to share information with families regarding the photographer now or later; consensus was to share info sooner so families/students can plan ahead

- Fall – uncertain at this time about what can and cannot be done in terms of a celebration for Grade 8 students in the fall; Katrina Morin and Janice Bosak indicated they will plan/host a celebration for Grade 8 students when “safe” to do so in future, if school is unable to participate at the time
- Other ideas for graduation were discussed; Yard signs were considered but are not allowed as this would identify a young teenager lives in the home; cupcakes have been considered but may not be considered safe at this time
- Discussed possibility of placing balloons in the lobby to recognize graduates when they come in to pick up their items and have picture taken later in June 2020; Katrina has the balloons that were ordered and offered to arrange having them blown up
- Rubber duckies with graduation cap, picture frames and other items that could be found at Michael’s/Walmart/Party City were discussed as possible “momentos” for graduates but some in group indicated this was not necessary as school is being generous giving shirts and photos

Welcome to JK Sessions

- On May 21 school hosted two “Welcome to JK” sessions through Google Meet for new families
- Staff introduced themselves
- Staff created a website for families to access with resources and information about the school: <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/new-to-kindergarten-site/home>
- Approximately 22 families attended one of the two virtual sessions offered
- Uncertain as to whether a picnic/BBQ for the Kindergarten students would be safe or feasible in the fall

Thank You

- Mr. Bedford thanked the SCC for all of the contributions over the course of the this challenging year

Fall 2020

- Class lists will be available the last week of August
- There is uncertainty about what the school year will look like beginning in 2020
- Admin will be working and “on call” most of the summer preparing for various options and keeping the community abreast of updates/plans
- Uncertain as to whether gatherings such as Meet the Teacher and Welcome Back BBQ will be allowed due to Public Health Restrictions – will have to determine what is feasible as the time approaches
- Tentative SCC Meeting Booked Thursday October 1, 2020 – this can occur online if in-person is not considered “safe” or feasible; final meeting details will be arranged closer to the date

Twitter and Instagram

- Please follow:
 - Twitter: @coronationps @mrbedford2
 - Instagram: @coronationps

STAFF LIASIONS' REPORT – Sarah Mitchell

- Ms. Mitchell reached out to teachers regarding requests; no requests from teachers at this time

TREASURER'S REPORT – submitted by Katrina Morin:

- Katrina shared the Treasurer Report for May 2020
- There is currently \$7532 in net funds to be allocated
- Allocation of funds has been deferred as Mr. Bedford indicated that there is an extension with regards to spending of funds due to pandemic circumstances; funds do not need to be spent by the end of June this year
- A year-end report is required by the end of September 2020

FUNDRAISING – Team FUN – Laura Cassar and Nicole Johansen:

- Nicole received the report from Health Hunger and has emailed it to Mr. Bedford, Ms. Mandal, Margaret and Katrina

NEW BUSINESS

Books

- Janice offered to purchase books to honour the staff leaving the school this year
- SCC members voted all in favour of the purchase of books for the school library which would likely cost a total of approximately \$100
- Mr. Bedford will contact Janice to provide list of names and suggested books for purchase

Thank You

- SCC members shared that many teachers have provided exceptional distance learning programs and support over the past few months; in-person Google meets have been very valuable to students
- SCC members thanked the School Administration and Teachers for all of their hard work and support over the course of the year

Next Meeting : Tentative Date October 1, 2020