



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Bellmoore School Council Minutes
Thursday, October 8th, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Chair/Co-Chair: Leanne Muir, Julia Penman




Minutes: Julia Penman


Present: Priscilla Mochrie, Laura White, Tiz Penney, Julia Penman, Leanne Muir, Christy Wallingham, Katie Armstrong, Jen Smith, Judi Feaver, Rachel Stewart, Erin Simic, Nadira Stoddart, Lisa Pender

Regrets: Sarah Kent

Teacher Reps: Katie Armstrong, Jennifer Smith, Judi Feaver

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1.1	Welcome and Introductions	All		
1.2	Determine 2020/2021 School Council	Julia/Leanne	<p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Penman • Leanne Muir <p>Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadira Stoddart <p>Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Simic <p>Teacher reps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Armstrong • Jennifer Smith • Judi Feaver <p>Members at large:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Stewart • Lisa Pender • Christy Wallingham • Sarah Kent <p>We would also like to look into turning the Fundraising Coordinator position into more of a Community Outreach position this year. This would involve reaching out to companies who may be able to support families in our community (ie. Donating food, etc). If anyone is interested in this role, please speak to Leanne or Julia.</p>	Approved
1.3	Approval of	Julia/Leanne		Approved

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2.0	Standing Items			
2.1	Principal's Report	Mrs. Mochrie / Mrs.White/ Ms. Penney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction has begun on the new childcare centre being built at Bellmoore • Waterfilling stations have been installed on each floor • New bike racks will be installed • Current enrolment at Bellmoore is 830 students • Looking for volunteers for the Parent Involvement Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month ○ Committing to a 2 year term <div style="text-align: center;">  PIC Membership App 2020_2021 (1)-Octob </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Human Rights Advisory Committee looking for 2 parent representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the focus is on systemic racism and looking for representatives who have lived experience <div style="text-align: center;">  Memo HRE member recruitment (2)-Octob </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	
2.2	Teacher's Report	Katie/Jennifer/Judi	FDK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 FDK classes this year • Adjustment is going well Grades 1-3 <div style="text-align: center;">  Teacher Report October 8th 2020.pdf </div> Grades 4-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are settling into their routine • DPA is being done outside when possible to allow for mask breaks 	
2.3	Treasurer's Report	Leanne	All funds to be moved into the School Council General Fund to start the school year.	Approved
3.0	New Business			
3.1	School Council Goals	Julia/Leanne	Our School Council Goals need to be updated for the year as many of our previous goals are not possible/need to be adjusted due to COVID restrictions. Please review the attached draft and provide feedback on the changes.	Please provide feedback on the attached document to update our goals.

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3.2	Halloween		Various points were discussed regarding the decision for children being able to wear costumes at school for Halloween vs. having an orange/back day. There were many points brought forward supporting the children wearing costumes, however, there were a variety of reasons why this will not be possible this year. Teaching staff are planning some great activities for the day and Halloween will still be celebrated in the classroom, without costumes being worn.	
3.3	Inclement weather		There was some confusion on whether or not children can wear boots and bring shoes to change into once in the classroom. It was shared that children are to dress for the weather and can absolutely change their shoes once they are inside. There is a plan to get the children into the building quickly when the weather is bad. The use of lockers/hooks is being re-evaluated and the school team is looking for ways that these can be used safely.	
4.0 Next meeting – Thursday November 19th, 2020 6:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council meetings will generally be held the 2nd Thursday of each month, however, there were conflicts with November's meeting so it was changed to one week later. 				