

Meadowcrest Public School – SCC Meeting

May 26, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Attendees include Admin: David Marchand, Principal; SCC Executive: Brian Rees, Chair; Lisa Miller, Treasurer; Tracey Rees, Secretary; 10 participants in attendance.

“As SCC members at Meadowcrest Public School, we will represent the school community and work collaboratively with students and staff to enhance student learning in a respectful and positive manner.”

6:30 PM Welcome and Introductions (Brian)

- Welcome to our last SCC meeting of the year.

6:35 PM Review of Minutes from last meeting (Brian)

- Minutes from previous meeting on April 29th were posted on website. No questions or objections. **Minutes carried.**

6:37 PM Treasurer’s Report (Lisa)

- Lisa shared screen showing account transactions and balance \$5706.74. No change since previous meeting. Call for questions on account balances.
- Scientist in School remains as we voted to fund that. Further invoices will follow for the other classes as the events happen. Cost is \$230/class x 14 classes for \$3,220; total expected to be less due to those already completed and other classes combining.
- One Kindy teacher who missed SCC offer to use \$100 asked David if she could submit an invoice to have \$60.00 hatching of chickens covered by SCC although deadline is passed. **Motion. Seconded. Approved for SCC to cover this cost.**
- Brian confirmed that DDSB will permit to carry SCC funds over to next school year.
- Call for objections. None noted.
- Question if we need to set aside additional funds for grade 8 graduation... \$500 was previously approved. Additional funds for graduation not needed. Engraved plaque will be covered by school.

6:43 PM Administrator’s Report (David)

- We do not know about return to in-person classes in June. Admin and Board are notified via the same announcements as the public. Continue virtual until we hear otherwise.
- Currently going through staffing process for fall; later than in a normal year.
- Enrollment for next year will be determined in August. Ministry has allowed for movement in August between virtual and in-person.
- Work is being done in the school building although not visible - reinforcements in roof.

- Custodians busy cleaning inside & out, and painting, such as posts at back, posts for basketball nets, etc.
- Ms. Galloway has been busy gardening; it looks great and is being used for science program.
- Some staff work in the building, most remote from home.
- Grad hoodies have arrived. Potential pick up on Friday, school will advise timing. Brian shared image of the Grade 8 graduation hoodies. Look good.
- Graduation plan is for a virtual event. If there is announcement to we return to in-person classes, that graduation plan could change, and would be preferred. The date is Thursday last week before end of school - June 24th. A virtual graduation would be recorded for families to watch; too many problems for live virtual graduation. Would love to do something in person if we can, individually.
- Kids going to Brooklin High is 8, most of other grads are heading to Donald A., and a couple going to other schools.
- Board is revisiting 2021/2022 calendar for next year, not yet approved.
- Question raised about plans on new bike racks for school? David confirmed bike racks will be painted.
- Other queries included the new school sign? Kindy Pen? Paving school parking lot? Fenced off grass area? David has asked many times about a variety of capital projects but so far not moving forward.
- Question asked about the logo revamp. David reports it sounds like we have something final. Students seem to love 'Les Mavs' so that is back into the planning and hoping to have something for September.
- Any plans on returning to school spirit week in new school year? Suggestion to have a calendar ready so people know what sports programs will be available to different ages. A frosh-like plan to get everyone excited; let's make new school year inviting for kids and parents. David said staff will look at and discuss but as we do not know yet how we will be returning to class we do not yet know what will be able to run. Those things are depending on health conditions as the school year is approached. Planning is hoped for a closer to normal school year. Staff are eager to get back to things too. Suggestion for a welcome back loot package. Reusable Banner with new logo.
- Hard when so much has been in motion at school and parents do not get to meet teachers and learn more until October. David said we can look at many things, but parents cannot participate until we reach the point we can welcome parents back into the building. If things need to be outdoors, lets plan for outdoor activities. Even with meet the teacher, staffing can change in that first month so aim informal.
- For parents who wish to be involved it was pointed out there will be opening for SCC Chair next year.
- Last year the school staggered start was hard on students.

- Do we want to vote on funding to support something toward that initial school year kick-off? Brian suggested earmark \$500 to be spent at discretion of admin. David said suggest potential items to give students. Mention of Meadowcrest stylus for use with their computers, bouncy ball. jump ropes. **Motion to set aside \$500. Seconded. Vote – approved.**
- Topic of Spirit wear was raised. We can consider various brands, but note we need to ensure multiple offerings to work for more people and provide choice. Also aim for sizing to be used more than one year.

David thanked Brian for being SCC Chair this year, and many years of participating in the SCC and functions. The work through the years has been appreciated. Parents also expressed thanks. Brian acknowledged the appreciation and thanked the other volunteers that help.

Adjourn 7:20 PM with invitation to Parent Engagement – Parents as Partners 7:00-8:00 PM

Note added after the meeting – Brian has closed out the SCC FlipGive account as the school year comes to a close. A cheque for \$114 is being issued to be added to the SCC account. Thank you to families who were able to participate in this fundraiser.