

Meadowcrest Public School – SCC Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Attendees, including Admin: David Marchand, Principal and Wendy Pokupec, Vice Principal; SCC Executive: Brian Rees, Chair; Lisa Miller, Treasurer; Tracey Rees, Secretary. 16 participants

“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.”

6:36 PM Welcome and Introductions (Brian)

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

- Minutes were posted on website. Straight forward.
- No objections. Pass the minutes from previous meeting.

6:37 PM Treasurer’s Report (Lisa)

- Lisa shared screen.
- Items through account... March & April. Scientist in the School virtual workshop had not yet been approved so it was not meant to be on account.
- More teachers took advantage of reimbursements which ended Mar 31, 2021.
- \$5,936.74 balance on account
- Motion to accept (minus the \$230 Scientist in the school). **Accepted**

6:41 PM Administrator’s Report (David and Wendy)

- No word on how long to anticipate virtual learning to continue; Ministry decision.
- For next year, May 4th was date for elementary families to decide in person or virtual. Board will then consider numbers and staffing needs.
- Staff not necessarily happy going virtual, but were prepared. Helpful for some kids and staff to have been able to prepare ahead. Different then in January; following class timetables as in person schedule. Honours all subjects and teacher prep times.
- Families inquiring about devices. Break downs and devices at home. David said they have sent out almost 100 devices. Great that they have been able to get those out. Chargers are in finite supply and sharing within a household rather than per device.

- Grade 8 Grad
 - Lots of questions about grade 8 and grads. Bottom line remains same - no decision through Board yet. Board will decide and advise. David anticipates graduations will be virtual.
 - Wendy worked with team to come up with the graduation hoodies. Waiting for orders to proceed as there is a minimum to order. Can be ordered thru school cash online. Many orders have now come in. Wendy thought only a few missing and Darlene will reach out to confirm those.
 - Brian noted that although graduation plans are unknown, he is getting notes from parents who would like to be involved. Normally David said we would already be planning. Once we have full decision thru board and superintendent we will know how to move forward.
 - Question about school produced grade 8 grad lawns signs? David said they did not do last year and were instructed last year by the board to not do that. There were concerns about liability when you put student name and school name on the lawn sign.

- Equity Journey
 - Doing lots of work on equity journey. Wendy shared the parent session on April 19. It was not a big turnout (maybe 14). Would have been nicer to have more families join. Will look to having them come back next year... maybe it will even be in person. Session is not meant to be a sit and listen, but think and participate.
 - Students have been participating. Staff did in March. Grade 6 next month. Poster packs at school to use. As things are settling in after pivot to virtual, we can try adding equity into class curriculum again.
 - Would love to have equity and format on parent involvement.
 - Unlearn session was not recorded as it can inhibit the interactions. If you might like to attend a session for another school, please let Wendy know.
 - Parents shared very positive feedback about the session. Maybe we can help promote differently to help people know what to expect.
 - It was incredible for intermediates. Mme Lacroix spoke how the intermediates at first were reluctant then they blew her away with the analysis and ideas they were coming up with. Students were engaged.
 - Wendy shared screen showing a poster. Themes include many things. No right or wrong answers, just prompting questions to start the thinking.

- FSL Review
 - FSL review to trustees. On hold now to revisit again. Looking at staffing issues. We are fortunate at Meadowcrest where many of our teachers can teach Eng. & Fr. and teacher retention is good.

- Starting FSL parent engagement – coming up first or 2nd week of June. Would like parent representation of what support we need for students in French. Looking for parent voice to come out to virtual event. Perhaps an after-school session, or family cooking event. If interested, please let Wendy know.
- David confirmed in Sep 2022 there will be no new JK coming into FSLs. Single track FI will phase to start FI in grade 1 not SK/JK. Single track FI schools are not home schools to anyone so there are not direct JK / SK spots, and this will build capacity of FI in other grades. This is not dual track schools as they would continue to have JK/SK.
- Smita shared it was a difficult task to get parents out for FSL review. They may not be invited again as there was little input. Really nice that they voted against the changes.
- Wendy emphasized when these things come through, it is important to participate and provide feedback. Even the school climate survey participation results were very low across the Board. She will blitz again when time comes for FSL evening.

7:22 Other Business

- Scientist in the School was tabled at last meeting.
- One teacher scheduled a session for intermediates before shut-down.
- David thinks it is possible to proceed virtually and will investigate. They sent kits to school and then the students did the presentation with the scientist virtually. Maybe kits could be available for a drive-by for people to take a kit home in advance of the virtual scientist in school. Noted, it would be important to remind parents of primaries to be prepared ahead of time. Teachers could be planning in hopes that it could be in person.
- Cost \$230-240 per class and there are 14 classes = \$3220 (3 intermediate classes have been done in one session). In split classes they are addressed separately as science curriculum is so different across grades.
- **Motion made and seconded** for SCC to support Scientist in School.

Next Meeting Date: Suggest May 26th at 6:30 p.m. before parents as partners event.

7:38 PM Adjourn