

# Meadowcrest Public School – SCC Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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*12 attendees, including Admin: David Marchand, Principal and Wendy Pokupec, Vice Principal; SCC Executive: Brian Rees, Chair; Tracey Rees, Secretary. Absentee: Lisa Miller, Treasurer.*

***“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)**

## **6:30 PM Review of Minutes from last meeting (Brian)**

- Last SCC Meeting was December 3, 2020.
- Minutes were posted on school website for everyone to review.
- Call for minutes to be accepted. **Carried.**

## **6:33 PM Treasurer’s Report (Brian for Lisa)**

- Currently \$6,662 in SCC account.
- At the last meeting SCC passed motion to provide \$100 spending per teacher to use in their class. This is going well, but a few teachers have yet to take advantage; January lockdowns slowed this down. Suggest we extend that \$100 offer to end of March 2021 for those remaining teachers to take use. Motion forward. No objections. **Motion Passed.**

## **6:36 PM Administrator’s Report (David and Wendy)**

- Lots going on at the school.
- Admins have received positive feedback from parents regarding January’s virtual learning experience. The school began preparing in fall for possibility of virtual learning. Included live teaching time in the day. This worked well for some, and some found it a struggle to stay in tune and engaged. January’s virtual learning worked better than last spring. Admins are proud of staff for what they put into it. Everyone seems to be happy to get back in person, teachers & kids.
- We are seeing how adaptable our children can be through this last year. We have asked a lot of kids and they have done a great job.

- The Board offered transitions between virtual & in-person learning again in February. In DDSB, 3,000–4,000 students moved from in-person to virtual learning in Feb. This has created a problem in FI to staff those rooms in general.
- At Meadowcrest, no students left in-person at this juncture and 3 students returned to in-person. School structure was maintained for Meadowcrest.
  
- With Ministry of Education announcement of March break postponed to April 12-16, 2021, parents should be aware that March 12<sup>th</sup> board holiday is still in place. **Schools are closed March 12th.**
  
- There are changes in public health and protocols. Stricter conditions. Info has been sent out to families.
- If a student leaves school sick, so do siblings. Return to school requires negative COVID test or, authorization of a health official, or wait 10 days for symptoms to resolve.
- Everyone trying to wrap their heads around this across the board. Nurse was meeting with admins to help guide them.
- These changes also affect teachers when their children are sick. This could result in potential school closures when enough staff are not available.
  
- Attendance has been great at Meadowcrest and absence is very low (maybe only 6 students a day). There has not been a notable flu season. This is best attendance Meadowcrest has experienced!
  
- School staffing process for next year will begin soon.
  
- Grade 8 graduation: The Board has no decision yet on what graduations will look like this year, so there is no guidance on what we can do at this time. Some photo pop-ups for grad photos are being created by photographers. However, the school and Board cannot support and promote these yet. If there are changes in protocols, there is photographer on standby and will be made available. Lots of schools in same boat. Hoping to have opportunity to have grad photos for Meadowcrest as this also means they can produce the class composite.
  
- Ukuleles purchased by SCC are in use. Mme Carey has organized, labelled, stored, and tuned all these ukes. Thank you to Mme Carey for all that work!
  
- Staff were grateful for the breakfast that was provided by SCC. It was very much appreciated, and thanks were shared.

- The SCC offer of \$100 spending for each teacher is being used. Teachers are grateful for that. Thank you.
- Inquiry received about opportunity for Scientist in the school this year. David checked today and they are running virtual programs, materials provided to the school. The feedback David has heard from others is this virtual option is well run. Cost is around \$230 per class, so approximately \$3,200 total for all classes to participate. Programs available for all, kindergarten through grade 8.
- Grad sweatshirt hoodies will be available. A design is approved, and ordering will take place. Admins are happy to share this is happening.
- Wendy showed an image of the design.
- Grad Hoodies are \$35 approx. On front: Les Mavs 2021. Grey with black lettering. Keeping design simple, looks sharp. There will be order form and payment via school cash online as of tomorrow.



- Admin are looking at possibilities of spirit wear to be available, but not a full line. Still working on this as shutdown delayed a few things.
- Working on equity and inclusive education. At March staff meeting they brought in unlearn.com. Also doing student workshops for grades 6-8 in next couple weeks.
- Applied & received for funding with Brooklin elementary schools together. Equity pieces for Meadowcrest. Grades 6, the 7-8 had different. Power of words. Privilege. Healthy boundaries.
- Well received by students and staff. Already noticing changes within the school. and seems to be opening everyone's eyes and how to be a part of the change. Positive. Excited about this. Critical thinking by design, open for interpretation.
- Started with grades 6, 7/8 but will also bring to other grades too.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> the parents will have a chance to join this too. Ties in staff, students, and community.
- Presentations tonight on Board initiatives for equity and inclusion approach by DDSB. Please join at 7:00 PM.

**6:58 PM      Voting on Spending (Brian)**

- As it is almost 7:00 PM, we can have a discussion on Scientist in the School at next meeting when we have time.
- Nothing to currently vote on spending.

Question from Jennifer addressed to Admin regarding **kids unable to go out on field for recess.**

- David replied yes, the yard is a challenge for Meadowcrest. We must adhere to public health distancing outside, especially in cold. When yard is icy, they cannot fit all kids on pavement area so cannot do full group out for recess. Instead, staff need to take kids out in smaller groups. Lots of melting can be seen today on the yard which does mean mud, but if things dry up, can start moving further out on field. Clarify – staggered smaller groups the staff take out when they cannot use full field. David hopes the yard clears up; nobody wants to keep the kids in whenever possible.

If there are further questions, please email David ([david.marchand@ddsb.ca](mailto:david.marchand@ddsb.ca))

**Next Meeting Date:** April 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**7:03 PM Meeting Adjourned**

- Link provided to parent engagement session starting now, with Equity team Camille Alli and Merrill Mathews presenting on **DDSB Equity & Inclusive Education Initiatives.**