



Parent Council AgendaMinutes – September 16, 2020

1. Welcome and Introductions -

Staff: Tim Clayton (acting principal), Cristine Frasier (Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexion), Michelle Charbonneau (teacher rep). Parents: Corinne, Casey, Jill, Leslie, Derek, Sara, Laura, Jackie, Steve, Reva

2. Principals Report/Questions

- a. Classes have been restructured as 25% opted for online learning. Currently 157 students in Pine Glen with eight classrooms.
- b. Playground equipment has been closed off, lunch/recess is being switched 50/50 between classes, bathrooms being cleaned every 20 minutes, increased caretaking staff, most classes have their own door in and out of the school (with the exception of two)
- c. Current COVID symptom rules: If a student has symptoms they are moved to an isolation room until the parent arrives. They are not allowed back until symptom free for 24 hours. No COVID test required or 14 day isolation. Siblings are allowed to stay.
- d. Attendance campaign is out the window
- e. JK/SK class has 26 students, $\frac{7}{8}$ class has 27, all others are low 20s. We are trying to keep class sizes small to make sure we have room for the October re-entry kids (if any)
- f. Pine Glen has a \$30,000 budget for operations. \$12,000 is going into classrooms for supplies.
- g. Wearing masks is going well.
- h. Nothing can be left in the classrooms after school. Kids must take everything home. Working on a plan for what to do with winter boots when winter comes.
- i. Gym has been painted. Logos are still there in the corners.
- j. Back to school photos are probably not happening as outsiders/parents/adults are not allowed into the school or on school property.

3. Board Elections

- a. Chair - Steve, continuing this year
- b. Vice Chair - Jill, continuing this year
- c. Treasurer - Reva - continuing this year
- d. Secretary - Jackie - continuing this year :(

4. Fundraisers

- a. Craft Show - Cancelled
- b. Pumpkins/Pies - will be going online very soon! Delivery date October 3. Please spread the word, share on facebook, etc. Steve will email with more information. Pies/pumpkins being given to us for FREE from Independent Grocer.
- c. Online/Facebook Auction - Please ask/look for auction items. Talk to your employers and friends. Jackie will email a letter to give to businesses. Looking to have items early November to post mid-November so people can shop/bid for christmas
- d. Spirit Wear - Jackie talking with Novelty mann. Masks are \$8 each, so a little pricey. Will look at only two kinds of apparel this year, long sleeve shirts and sweaters. Orders will happen online. Jackie will get spirit wear from Merina to see what we already have and what we need.

5. New Business/Purchases

- a. Tent - the school board is having a meeting to discuss liability if it falls on a student or something bad happens. Tim will keep us posted. We will look into purchasing two or three (kinderland, outdoor classroom and one other). Steve Mann can get us wood for sitting on
- b. Guitars - requested by Mr. Kay and Mr. Creasor. Steve is getting quotes
- c. Yoga Mats - Merina is looking into these. We will cut them in half and students can take them home each day in their back packs. Students can sit on them outside and their bums will stay dry.
- d. Wagons - has been an interest in these. Who is purchasing? How many?
- e. Masks - too expensive, will be better to spend money elsewhere. Teachers have an interest in clipboards for each student as well as fanny packs and cinch sacks. Jackie has looked into getting but is difficult to find a company that can provide a quote to buy through the school board. Companies that provide this option cost 2-3 times more.

6. **Financials** - Currently \$18,000 in long term. Less than \$1,000 in operating account. We will transfer some over to cover above costs.
7. **Next Meeting** - By zoom on Monday, October 5 at 6:30.