

Ecole Regent Park Parent Community Council Meeting

Minutes of September 2020

Attendance: Lucia Grande, Chris Coppinger, Jennifer Matthewson, Jennifer Richter, Corinne Wyatt, Krystina Costello, Jaime Wolfe, Lindsey Acheson, Angela Rempel, Kendra Mazur, Gisele Cox

September 21, 2020

1. Call to Order and Welcome: 6:43 PM

2. Review of May 2020 minutes

Adoption of May minutes: Corrine Wyatt 2nd: Jen Matthewson

3. Principals Report:

A huge thank you to staff, students and community members who have made my first few weeks at ERP after such a lengthy time away a good one. Despite all the rules, directives, and precautions we are taking, it is amazing that we are back together in learning!

Highlights at ERP

-Terry Fox run-walk will occur on Sept. 25th all day. We will be doing this within cohorts around the school.

-We will celebrate ORANGE SHIRT day on Sept. 30th. We have registered each class in virtual sessions offered through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission- Conference is entitled EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

-All students participating in “warm-up” activities in French, English, and Math to see where their baselines are in these subject areas and to guide teachers in their instruction this year.

-All Grades- students participating in Project 11, EDUCALM and other mindfulness activities throughout the year to support our student’s mental well-being.

-We have been conducting student interviews with each one of our students by their homeroom classrooms to assess how our students are doing and to build strong connections.

-Taylor Franks, Zach Braga, Lystra Massey, Maddie Blank and Lenae Moslenko have been providing support for our teachers and students in their roles as EA’s, numeracy and literacy supports.

-All our students understand the cohort model and the way we need to remain in our cohorts throughout the day. At first, we had signage, pylons and rope attached to areas. We have slowly released these indicators as staff and students understand their zones. This week, each student will receive a plastic coloured bracelet indicating their cohort as a way for students and teachers to recognize who is in their cohort, as well as build some “spirit “within cohorts. We will distribute this week and each class who keeps them for a whole week will be recognized with ERP swag and other incentives. On Friday, they are to wear them as well when they complete the Terry Fox run. Teachers will collect all bracelets at end of the week to disinfect them, and to use them again if there is a special event or a need to distinguish cohorts at school.

-All students were presented with a power point presentation on the first day of school indicating their cohorts, how to walk down hallways, how to wear a mask, how to wait to use the washroom, how to wait to fill water bottles at stations and the rotation for each recess. Each class had an opportunity to practice and we cannot be prouder of our students!

- Each student received 2 black reusable masks
- Each classroom is equipped with a box of usable masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning liquid for highly used surfaces

- Each main exit is equipped with a Hand Sanitizing Stand
- We have hired a custodial aid during the day and her job is to clean knobs, washrooms, library, music spaces etc. throughout the day.

- 2 Additional water bottle filling stations are in the school

- Renovations this summer include a brand-new library, a MAC lab, a Dance Studio, a PC lab as well as a renovated boy's washroom. Additional renovations will see 4 more usable classroom spaces available on the North Side of the building. The Before and After program may have to be displaced for a few weeks to another location in our school while that classroom is being renovated.

- Our staggered entry and exit times are going well. We appreciate our families who have decided to park a few streets away and have a meeting spot for their children, as this helps with the congestion at the end of the day.

- A reminder that Moroz Street is designated for bus pick up between 3:10-3:35 p.m. every day. Your support in ensuring that this street is not used for picking up your students is greatly appreciated. Please note that the parking patrol is present during these times and they are issuing tickets.

- We will continue to provide weekly (bi-weekly) memos to our families. We also have started an ERP twitter feed. Please visit our website for all up to date current information as well.

- We will be having an online ERP clothing sale starting on Oct. 19th. More information to follow and orders will be delivered prior to the winter break!

4. Upcoming Events:

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 25th- Terry Fox Day
- Sept. 30th- Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 12th- Thanksgiving- no school
- Oct. 15th- Bus evacuations
- Oct. 20th- Grade 6 Immunisations plus catch up for grade 7 students.
- Oct.23rd – No school – Prof. Dev. Day
- Oct. 30th- P.M. Halloween activities in classrooms- letter to be sent home
- Nov. 9th- Picture Retakes
- Nov. 10th- Remembrance Day Assembly- Virtual- TEAMS- 1:00p.m.
- Nov. 11th - No School- Remembrance Day
- Nov. 16th- No School for ERP
- Nov. 19th- Student Led Conferences – Virtual- TEAMS
- Nov. 20th- No School- Prof. Dev.
- Nov. 23rd- Report Cards available on Parent Portal

5. Fundraising Report:

- We are currently sitting at \$1300.00

- Last years Loblaws fundraiser raised \$4300.00 Deadline for this years orders is October 14.

Wish lists:**Requests:**

-Have been encouraging outdoor time. Additional outdoor tables and benches for our students as part of the Greening Initiative- \$2000.00 Not requesting the funds at this time, but please keep in mind for future consideration.

-Bike rack proposal was accepted and will hopefully be delivered soon. Provided by Green Action. There could be a small cost on the install if placed on grass. Possible future request. Do we install in the front of school or back? The front provides more security as the office windows are there.

-Library materials for students to safely sign out books (bins) \$153.66.
Motion Accepted: Jennifer Price 2nd: Corinne Wyatt

6. New Business

-Early Dismissals? There are no early dismissals this year; the province had to refigure professional days.

-Will the school be a K-8 school next year? The board directive did not happen this year; need to realign boundaries, etc. Will inform us when they know what may happen next year.

-Would daycare be K-8? This is up to the daycare. Hoping they are considering it.

-Are we a nut free school? Yes, we are a nut free school.

7:34 PM meeting adjourned

Upcoming Meetings:

November 30, 2020 at 6:30

January 25, 2021

March 8, 2021

May 10, 2021