

Roseneath Centennial P.S. School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2021

Present: Amy Urquhart, Parent
Erin Noonan, Parent
Melissa Vander Veur, Parent
Kendra Dillabough, Support Staff Representative
Tanya Hunter, Teaching Staff Representative
Shelley Newton, Community Member
Diahne Graham, Principal

1. Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions
 - Meeting began at 6:15 pm.
2. Approval of November 1, 2021 Agenda
 - Erin made a motion to approve the agenda, Amy seconded the motion.
3. Approval of September 27, 2021 School Council Minutes
 - Amy made a motion to approve the minutes, Shelley and Kendra seconded the motion.
4. Principal's Report
 - Enrollment is up to 172 students physically at school, 6 students attending virtually.
 - This month is Indigenous Peoples' Awareness Month as per KPRDSB. Learning continues throughout the school to create an environment of respect for all students.
 - Information about Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is being sent to the school from the Board and being integrated into the staff meeting and disseminated through the school in the classroom setting.
 - Lakeridge Community Support Services has teamed up with KPRDSB to produce Social Skills Workshops for teens and children. Register for these online workshops by November 22, 2021.
 - Parent Conference (living in and adapting to the virtual world) was held in mid-October and was well attended. Meeting will be posted online for those who missed it.
 - Volunteers are allowed back in school. An email will go out from the school asking for community volunteers who are fully vaccinated. Volunteers are needed to help read with students, to participate in the nutrition program to restock the bins.
 - Hot breakfast program will be getting started soon. Volunteers are also needed to assist with this.

- OPP and Cobourg City Police will need a letter to present in order to get the vulnerable sector check. Mrs. Graham will supply from the office. High school students can volunteer in order to earn community hours.
- Popcorn and milk orders are going well.
- Friday, October 29, 2021 was the Fall Fun Day. Chips were purchased using popcorn funds for this purpose.
- Green bin program is going well.
- We are participating in the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge and will be reminding students to bring in used single-use batteries. Our school is in second place for the number of batteries collected to date. The prize is financial, with the plan of purchasing a shelter for outdoor learning.
- School refresh details are forthcoming. Budget committee met last week and an update should be coming soon.
- Staffing update:
 - i. On Tuesday September 28, 2021 the KPR School Board announced that there will be changes to the recruitment and retainment of Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) Teachers within KPR. It is the Board's hope, as well as ours, that these changes will honor and show the value of these specific language teachers.

The following is the KPR Board meeting release about the topic of Anishinaabemowin teachers.

Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) Teachers: Elementary and Secondary

Also as part of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee report, administration reviewed with the board that there are three elementary schools and two secondary schools who provide Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) instruction within KPR. Schools that provide language instruction include Lakefield District, North Shore and Roseneath Centennial Public Schools, Cobourg Collegiate Institute and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School.

Superintendent Brake reviewed with the board challenges related to recruiting and retaining Anishinaabemowin teachers based on the qualifications under the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), as well as those without OCT qualifications. As part of the report, administration shared that seeking Anishinaabemowin speakers to teach the language within classrooms requires a very specific skill set that often cannot be acquired within colonial post-secondary education structures. Traditional Indigenous ways of knowing impart a specific knowledge base learned through engagement with elders and participation in ceremony.

While it is possible for an Anishinaabemowin speaker to acquire formal post-secondary qualifications as a certified teacher, an

Anishinaabemowin speaker cannot achieve teaching qualifications specifically as a Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) teacher, from an accredited post-secondary school.

To address these difficulties, a review was undertaken to change current practice to honour and value Indigenous knowledge and pedagogy and the rigorous path followed to become fluent in Anishinaabemowin.

As a result, administration will establish a process that honours both Indigenous knowledge as well as accreditation at a recognized post-secondary institution and qualifications through the OCT, for Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe Language) Teachers. This process will allow for movement on the salary grid from year to year. A process will also be established for consultation with Indigenous partners to identify qualifications for a Letter of Support for candidates.

“We are very pleased to see this work brought forward by administration,” says Lloyd. “These language programs are greatly valued by our students and schools. We are very supportive of this opportunity to honour the knowledge of our staff who are in our schools leading this work each day, and those we hope to bring into schools in the future.”

- ii. An additional support staff member (EA) was recently approved for our school
- Grade 8 trip to Niagara Falls is being planned for this year. An interactive meeting will be held with the tour company, who will provide details about the trip for parents. A plan for covering the cost will be put in place at that time. Milk funds will be going toward the trip cost.
- A school-wide trip will be planned for the spring with help from Student Council.
- Crosswalk at Division St. & Hwy. 45 will be installed with signage when supplies are available. Mrs. Graham is in talks with the township regarding the need for a crossing guard.
- Athletics:
 - i. Junior and Intermediate soccer team tournaments took place last week. Cross Country team will be having a meet this week.
 - ii. Indoor sports offerings will be looked at later
- Fresh from the Farm order went in, awaiting a delivery date

5. Teacher’s Report

- Terry Fox Run--\$598 was raised this year.
- Walk for Wenjack also took place recently, with lots of curriculum connections made.
- Book Fair raised close to \$2,995.55 to invest in the school library collection. There will be one more book fair around Easter and one virtual book fair closer to the end of the academic year.

- Waiting to see what will be happening in the community with respect to Remembrance Day.
- Staff is focusing on the message of Inclusion and Acceptance with the students.

6. Financial Report

- Deposits:
 - Little Caesars \$333 raised from last spring
 - Porch photos \$530
 - Virtual paint night \$406
 - Hot lunch program left over \$288.53
 - True Earth \$64.67 USD
- \$3,974.72 starting budget
- \$5,596.92 in the budget at this point
- Yearbook is outstanding, awaiting the invoice from Edge Imaging

7. Regional School Council Update

- Elections, introduction of new Superintendent, topical brainstorming for future agendas
- Next Meeting November 30, 2021 @ 6:30 pm (remaining meetings this year will be virtual)

8. New Business

- School Hot Lunches
 - Program “Lunchbox by School Cash Online” is being explored. This is a third-party organization that manages hot lunch program in the school.
 - Options are being explored for additional businesses to approach for hot lunch menus.
- Little Caesars Fundraising
 - Ready to launch, need volunteers to help with delivering orders on December 1 and collecting any that don’t come online on November 17th.
- School Council Excellence in Leadership Survey
 - Mrs. Graham will make the survey available via Google Docs, seeking input from school community

9. Adjournment

- Next meeting January 17, 2021