

**Davenport Public School
School Report
School Council Meeting
February 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome:

Principal Michelle Radauskas and Jeanette welcomed everyone virtually to the TEAM meeting. Online Attendance: Michelle, Jeanette, Charlene, Leanne, Margaret, Melissa, Heather and Cara

Minutes from November 2, 2020 meeting approved by Sherry & Heather

Treasurer Report:

Same as last time

School Council Funds = \$56.49

Grade 8 Grad = \$500.00

Family Engagement = \$3,296.40 (Gaga ball pit)

Overall Total = \$3852.95

Approved by Cara & Melissa

Old Business

Graduation – Michelle used school funds to mail out diplomas/awards to Grade 8 graduates.
Fostering Connections – there will be a blurb in the newsletter before March (Sherry and Jeanette will work on)

School Report

1. Pandemic

1. Remote Learning went well with most students participating; each class had a few that did not participate. We tried to reach these students and their families through phone calls, emails, offers of support.
2. Through remote learning we deployed approximately 100 Chromebooks to students so that they would have the technology needed to participate in remote learning. At this point in time, technology is staying in the hands of students so that they have it in case we switch back to remote learning in the near future. The impact of this is that we do not have a lot of technology in the school and teachers are needing to use alternative learning activities that don't require as much technology. Students are also being encouraged to bring their loaned technology back and forth to school, so they have it to use at school. Students with their own technology are also welcome to bring it back and forth.

3. Transition back to in-person learning was quick and we have noticed an increase in students struggling with the transition, with mental health, with the length of the pandemic and the current lockdown. Teachers were asked to go slow coming back and to keep everyone's mental health and wellness in mind. I am also being careful to monitor the mental health and wellness of staff; January was difficult with remote learning and the need to complete IEPs and report cards. It meant a lot of time on computers.
4. In-person versus Full Remote Learning - We have had some students return to in-person learning and some move to full remote learning. Overall, our student numbers have remained consistent, just over 300. Movement to FRL is done for now. If any students want to move to FRL, they are placed on a list and it will be considered in March 2021.
5. Covid cases in December - A total of 6 cases in 2 classrooms requiring both classes to be closed and those students and staff to quarantine for up to 14 days. It was classified as an outbreak because of the number of cases but there is no conclusion that the spread of the cases was as a result of being in school. I am provided with limited information about the cases. The Health Unit is going to come in at some point in time to review the protocols in those two classes and to meet with me about whole school protocols.

2. Staffing

- a. Welcome back to Madame Gutmanis.
- b. (Madame) Ms. Nelson covering for Mrs. From right now. Position is posted and interviewing for it this week. I hope to keep things consistent for the class.
- c. Custodians - Stephanie Walker (evening charge), Valerie DesLandes (touchpoint/daytime), Patti Ryan (evenings)
- d. Noon Hour Supervisor - Michelle Woermke

3. Term 1 Report Cards and Term 2 IEPs

- a. IEPs shared through the Parent Portal, hard copies not sent home
- b. Term 1 Report cards being sent home on February 12, 2021
4. Virtual Assemblies - Continue to do them through Google Meets
 - . Friday, February 26th for Perseverance
 - a. Friday, March 26th for Empathy

5. Spirit Days

- a. Friday February 12th - Valentine's Colours Day
- b. Wednesday, February 24th - Pink Shirt Day
- c. Friday, February 26th - Beach Day
- d. Friday, March 12th - Crazy Sock Day for Down's Syndrome

6. Bus Cancellations for Inclement Weather

- a. School is still open and students are encouraged to attend

b. We still need to account for each child's absence through our Safe Arrival Procedures so it is important for parents to put absences into the Safe Arrival system, even if the child rides the bus.

7. Donations Received

- a. South Dorchester Optimist Club - \$500 for the purchase of Forest of Reading books
- b. Westminster Mutual Insurance - \$500 towards our daily snack program
- c. Kinsman Club of Aylmer - 100 reusable cloth masks for student use

8. Safe and Inclusive Schools Plan - Mrs. Radauskas will be making a presentation about this new TVDSB initiative.

New Business

Cara to look into Flipgive to raise money for school (i.e. Chromebook)

Michelle to talk to each class individually about online bullying (regarding COVID-19 cases at school and to stop playing detective)

Discussed, voted, and approved to use the current funds for the Gaga ball pit for money towards new Chromebooks that are desperately needed. (we had enough people present for Quorum for vote to be approved. Michelle is going to ask Megan if she agrees.

Looking for someone to lead to the Grade 8 grad committee.

Next meeting date April 12th 2021 at 6pm likely on Teams.