

Colonel Walker School Council Minutes

November 21th, 2024 - 6:00pm

Hybrid Meeting Model

Present:

Kate Jones, Dena Leigh, Elaine Wakely, Claire O’Gorman, Amy Ta, Andrew Jackson, Leanne Hooper, Talia Potter, Rebecca Schooten, Erica Oates, Diana Bernier

School Council Meeting Call to Order at: 6:03 PM

1. Land Acknowledgement - Kate Jones

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Elaine

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes (October 2024):

Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Elaine

4. School Update: Kate Jones ([see report here](#))

a. Teacher Presentation - Ms. Leigh

- Social Studies break out groups - grade twos from both Ms. Leigh’s and Mr. Kearney’s class, while Mr. Kearney works with his student teacher and the grade threes from both classes
- Focused on physical and human geography of Canada
- Playing with Google Maps - brings scale of country to life
- Exploring pre-settler arrival
- Wonderful having all the grade twos together

b. Updates

- Stair and walkway replacement completion extended until before winter break.
- School parking lot closure is going ahead - chain between fence posts.
- Lockdown drill for K to 6 this week, must do 2 per year, CPS was on site, went very well
- Redesignation to Elboya School has been proposed - pretty likely this will go ahead
 - This helps keep our Inglewood junior cohort together for those that opt into French immersion in elementary and those that transfer in grade seven
- Check out the strategic report and plan - full presentation in February - reach out to Kate if you have questions in advance
- Hip Hop starts tomorrow, performance Thursday, Dec 5
- Community singing in AM Dec 15 to 19 - families and caregivers welcome to join
- Questions:

- Claire - what's the roll of CPS?
 - They lead it. CBE schools are not allowed to do a drill without CPS. Walk with Kate to check on and provide feedback about processes. CPS were positive and did an excellent job noticing and reinforcing the good. CPS designed protocols. Rep was lighthearted. Two uniformed officers.
- Andrew - what is the procedure for picking up and dropping off after parking lot closes, e.g. lost and found, food.
 - For the time being the 9th Ave bus zone. Kate is going to contact the City to discuss temporarily move city bus zones to accommodate teacher and parent parking.

c. Requests

- \$3000.00 to purchase xylophone stands - 10 to 12 stands
 - Need about 19 stands
 - Perhaps consider spreading out the purchase
 - Having proper stands will extend the life of the very expensive instruments and ensure ergonomic position for players
- \$150.00 for teach dinner on Nov 28 and 29
- \$300.00 for lighting rentals - Something From Nothing performance on December 5
- Is there a parent team interested in organizing cookies and warm drinks for the performance night or during the last week before the winter creak
- Questions:
 - Andrew - do you need more money for dinner?
 - Rebecca - will sound system be installed in time? No.
 - Lights sound like a nice
 - Diana - can we buy some lights for \$300.00?
 - Limited by procurement policy and process.
 - Probably need an investment of \$3 to 4000.00
 - Andrew - renting is a good test to assess longterms needs and challenges before a purchase
- Defer decision on xylophone stands
- Vote on expenditures in CWCSA meeting

5. Council Chair Update: Rebecca Schooten

- Thanks to Kara for her care and labour on the newsletters
- Family friendly Skating Party on Jan 26

6. Other business:

a.

b.

7. Q & A

8. Next Meeting Scheduled: Thursday, December 19, 2024 (tentative)

School Council Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM

Moved: Elaine

Second: Rebecca