

Probe Parent Council Agenda

September 16, 2020 Meeting

6:30pm

1. Call to order-Courtney Edmonds calls meeting to order at 6:31.
2. Welcome and Introductions-20 parents, Principal- Keith van der Meer, Vice Principal- Carlie Ramotowski and 2 teachers attended tonight's meeting. Teachers Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Brooks joining on teams.
3. Approval of Agenda-L.H. approves agenda, S.B. seconds.
4. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2020- L.M. approves minutes, L.H. seconds.
5. Chairperson report- everything shut down in March, prior to that council was doing lots of brainstorming around raising money for playground.
6. Introductions and Administrative report- Vice Principal Carlie Ramotowski- introduction. Seamless transition to the school year.

Principle Keith van der Meer- thank you for showing up and being invested.

Custodial staff working overtime to keep the school clean.

In classroom staff introductions and classroom tours through teams.

Story about caterpillar- without struggle butterfly will never fly. Struggle causes strength, this year will be difficult and challenging but we can use this time to grow and become stronger.

Discusses timeline of re entry plans. Protocols are changing and evolving, school is working with the best information they can.

Going back to "normal" school as much as we can, learning is happening, children are engaging, fire drill, learning through play, projects are happening...

-picture day

-terry fox run Friday

-treaty 7 day

-fancy Fridays are happening

-wellness supports

Teachers embarking on professional development, set up a wellness team to support students.

7. Old business- no old business

8. New business -

8.1 Elections

8.2 Chairperson- Courtney Edmonds voted in to reprise roll.

8.3 Vice Chairperson- (formally S.P.) Danielle Aubin

8.4 Treasurer- Shelly Shaw-Price voted in to continue.

8.5 Junior Treasurer- Margaretha Hallett will train to fill Treasurer for next year.

8.6 Secretary- Colleen Giesbrecht voted in to continue.

8.7 Grade Level Reps- voted to remove these positions for this year.

8.8 District Council Meetings Attendee- (formally S.P. attends and reports back to Probe council) Danielle Aubin agrees to attend meetings this year.

8.9 Fundraising Chair- Stacy Burton to stay on.

8.10 School Spirit- Emily Bester- Principal will look into what is allowed during covid.

9. Teacher reports

Grade 1- students have risen to the challenge of this school year, doing fantastic.

Grade 5- students are excited to be back, thrilled to have everyone back and in the building.

Teachers attending- Keith has asked teachers to attend at least one meeting so council has opportunity to meet them, but may not have a grade level rep at each meeting.

Crosswalks- L.H. Crosswalk safety.

Parent comments- doors being locked-division policy.

Online teachers- Probe is paired up with Coalbanks for online cohorts. Schools were pooled to make full classrooms. Kindergarten students are working with teachers at Coalbanks. Teachers in classroom where bulk of students are.

What happens at pivot point if students are coming back? Resources are being used to help ease class size. Changes could happen to class list-school is working to ease the impact on students.

Class cohorts-based on numbers. Only 2 classes together. Concerns around split classes cohorting with only 1 grade. Cohorts were based on where classrooms were how to minimize contact.

Asked about swapping cohort classes.

Split classes when will those students have the opportunity to make up material missed- teachers are working with students and feel as though this is a growth opportunity and making the best of this situation.

Teachers working with split classes language and math students are being taught grade level appropriate.

Social and science is slightly more mixed but students are still being evaluated based on grade level.

When we are able to move back to normal students will be able to be at their grade level, teachers are aware of the importance of maintaining grade level. Split classes are not intended to be kept but class sizes needed to be balanced and avoid classes over 30 students. Priority has been focused on student safety.

Options for learning support- sensory rooms and break out rooms are still available. Rooms are being cleaned and sanitized afterwards.

Speech options within school-supports have been taken on by school instead of contracting services out, supports are done within the school. School is catching up on who was discharged and who needs to be supported.

Mrs. Brooks- any students that were on caseload prior, watch for consent forms coming home.

10. Adjournment -Meeting adjourns at 7:26.

Probe Parent Council Society

1. Call to order- Courtney Edmonds calls meeting to order at 7:27.
2. Approval of agenda- Stacy Burton approves agenda, Sara Bond seconds.
3. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2020- L.M. approves minutes, L.H. seconds.
4. Treasurer report- Shelly Shaw
 - Description of fundscript. School start (\$5 from each kit bought goes to school).
 - Brought up grade 4 missing out on bingo-possibly money left from the 2019 Bingo to be put to an activity for this years grade 5's.
5. Playground Discussion- Necessity of rubber surface open for discussion at the October meeting.
 - Stacy Burton to do grant report for October.
6. Playground fundraising -defer to next meeting
7. Hot Lunch Report- No Hot lunch at this time
 - Kernels- is this possible for this year? Will look into it.
8. Grade 4 Family Bingo - No Bingo at this time
9. New Business
 - 9.1 Approval for Elections to stand for society as well- voted all in favour.
 - 9.2 Date and time of next meeting- voted to keep meetings at 6:30. October 7th next meeting. Potentially move to mid month for the following month to allow for bank statements to come in.
10. Adjournment -Meeting adjourned at 7:51.