

**Highbush -School Community Council (SCC – parent council) -
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday October 7, 2021

Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm

Location: Google Meet

Call to order: Ms. Brooks

Attendance: Ms. Brooks, Mr. Vaisanen, Ms. Avison, Sadiya Mohamed, Laura Ceausu, Sandra Gray, Sharon D'Souza, Eyvone Williams, Preet Jaswal, Sara Williams

Regrets: Susan Mahabir, Marc Casimir, Kristina Ali

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and Treaty: The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

Agenda Items:

Election of Officers:

Co-chairs: Sadiya, Laura

Treasurer: Sandra

Secretary: Sara

Principal Report present by Ms. Brooks

- School is doing well and following covid rules
- Shortage of teachers
- Shortage of supply teachers
- Highbush teachers are stepping in for coverage, giving up prep time,
- Ms. Brooks and Mr. Vaisanen are covering as well
- Noticing a knowledge gap with children due to covid/virtual learning-
- IEPs out October 21st
- Students are now allowed to sing
- Christmas concert will be virtual

Question for P: Will the shortage of teachers be long term?

Answer: Ms. Brooks -hoping short term but unknown

Treasure Report presented by Sandra

Current SCC funds: \$3884.59

Covid has interrupted fundraising causing a lower amount of funds compared to previous years.

Teacher Report presented by Ms. Avison

Ms. Fernandez has requested \$100 for 2 virtual concerts (\$50 each) from Toronto Symphony Orchestra and \$645 for 10 bell sets.

Motion by Laura to allocate \$645 to Ms. Fernandez for Christmas concert and musical instruments.

Motion passed

Ms. LeBlanc requested \$179 for 4 sets (one for each JK/SK class) of Marbotic Smart letters used with an iPad.

Motion by Laura motion to provide kinder program (JK/SKs) with funding for Marbotics (\$179)

Motion passed

Mr. Leach requested 1 set of pickleball paddles (\$89.95) and pickleball net (\$229). Discussion about Mr. Leach's request. SCC decided more information is needed. (Ie. outdoors or indoors.) Due to lack of funds the SCC hopes to raise more funds over the winter months so that money can be given in the spring for the requested pickleball equipment. **On hold**

Ms. Avison requested a donation to help with hampers and gift cards for families in need during the holidays in collaboration with St. Pauls.

Motion by Laura to provide funds for Christmas Hampers/ Gift cards (\$160) ---

Motion passed

Ms Avison Annual \$50 per teacher, total of 36 teachers (\$1500)

Motion by Sadiya to allocate \$50 per teacher to contribute to their classroom.

Motion passed

Fundraising Ideas:

Vandermeer Nurseries - Selling poinsettias during the holidays. Laura will contact Vandermeer Nurseries to see if other plants are also available as an option.

Chocolate orders online - Laura will look into this.

Fundscrip fundraiser - Ms. Brooks will set it up so that it can start as soon as possible.

Raffle baskets- Ms. Avison will see if teachers are interested in making baskets (\$15 - \$20 each) and having a raffle - One set of raffles during the holidays and one set of raffles in the spring.

Fidget toys –Sadiya will look into this.

Dance-a-thon- Ms.Brooks will get more info about restrictions (ie. is DJ allowed in the school).

Cookie dough -Laura/ Sandra will look into this.

Foods options at School:

Pizza day - Ms. Brooks will look into the idea and provide more info

Popcorn day -Sandra-November

Popsicle day- Sandra - End of October

Eastside Mario's -Sandra will look into costs

Chip day -Sandra

Next meeting via Google meet on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 6:30pm

Sadiya will send out the link

Meeting adjourned.

Future SCC meetings (First Thursday of every month):

November 4, 2021

December 2, 2021

February 3, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022