

**CROSSROADS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
School Council Minutes  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Microsoft TEAMS

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Sophia Vollmer

2. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes** - November, 2020 - approved by Amanda F, seconded by Amanda N

3. **Chair's Report - Sophia** - Teachers are currently working incredibly hard, going above and beyond to keep our kids in class as best they can. They are doing their best during uncharted territory. Sophia suggested that Council could acknowledge their hard work and dedication with thank-you gifts from parents. It was suggested that we buy an IPEVO Mirror-Cam for each teacher. They are around \$10 each and they are Webcam attachments. It acts as a mirror that reflects on your paper to capture documents while still allowing you to see your screen. The Pohorly family has also offered to supply a Fruit Shack butter tart for each staff member. Council voted on providing these gifts for Crossroads' staff and it was approved.

4. **Principal's Report - Kate Fish**

**a. Transition to new principal** - Kate has felt overwhelmingly welcomed by the Crossroads community. Staff are unbelievable, they work so hard, and work so well together. It has been a smooth transition despite changing schools during a pandemic. Kate is excited to work with Melora, it is a great partnership.

**b. Online Learning Update** - Kate personally distributed 80 computers to families. 95% of students are online and engaged daily. There are a few families that do not have internet and teachers are delivering packages of work to them. All teachers are doing full time online synchronous learning and there are two adults in every online classroom. Each teacher was given headphones/microphone. Most primary classes are using D2L, the rest of the school is using Google Classroom. Teachers are being challenged and pushed to learn new things. Our instructional coach, Amanda Lance, has been assisting in classes. Kate is currently in the midst of procuring Dreambox for the kindergarten students. We will be given a reduced rate since we already use Dreambox for grades 1-5, in the range of \$1000-1500. Kate asked if Council would be interested in supporting this and it will be further discussed at the next meeting when the exact cost is known.

**c. High School Transitions** - Grade eight students have selected courses. 50% are attending Laura Secord (6 were admitted into the DNA Arts Program), 40% are attending Eden, and 10% are attending other schools.

**d. Kindergarten Registration** - We have 12 students registered already because the office has been contacting students' siblings who are kindergarten

age. Small stuffed coyotes have been ordered and will be delivered to them to welcome them. We are hoping they will be able to visit the school at some point.

**e. Facebook Page** - Crossroads Public School, DSBN

@CrossroadsPS - like and follow us!

**f. Kindness Campaign** - Each month Crossroads has a kindness slogan and poster. A PDF of February's poster will be emailed out for families to print and display at home. In March, students will be asked for submissions.

**g. Paul Davis - February 18, 2021** - The date was changed from January to February. Also, Ann Douglas will be doing a virtual workshop tomorrow night called Parenting in a Pandemic. It is at 6:30 and it is not too late to register.

**h. Pink T-shirt Day - February 24, 2021** - T-shirts are available for students to order on SchoolCash, 20 have been ordered so far. Tomorrow is the last day to order.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Joy** - The holiday calendar fundraiser raised \$1613. We have a balance of \$13 767 and \$2000 in gift cards left from the hot lunch program.

## **6. Committee Reports**

**a. Fundraising** - Amanda reported on the Christmas FundScrip orders. There were 7 orders (compared to 17 last year). This brought in \$300 in earnings.

**7. Your Voice** - Possibility of a virtual Trivia Night in the future to build community.

**8. Adjournment** - adjourned by Magdalena, seconded by Amanda F  
Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Meetings:

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.