

CROSSROADS PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Agenda

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft TEAMS

Attendance: Sophia Vollmer, Amanda Fretz, Amy Rapone, Gina Moore, Amanda Nickason, Ashleigh Dixon, Joy Quinn, Melissa Saxton, Carrie Plaskett, Magdalena Bator, Mary Beccario, Jen Tiffney, Melora Brewster, Gerda Klassen

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Sophia Vollmer

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – September 29, 2020 - approved by Gina Moore, seconded by Carrie Plaskett

3. Chair's Report – Sophia

a. **Budget for the Coming Year** - Typically we create a budget for the year at October's meeting and we spend the money before we raise it. This year we do not know where the money is coming from or what we will spend it on. It was asked how council members felt about having no budget for this year. If money is needed or requested, it could be brought to council and decided on when the time comes. It was suggested that we still do some fundraising to create a nest egg so that we can have money saved up for next year. If there is a school need or teacher request, it can be brought to council and council will decide on it. A motion was put forward, voted on and passed to not set a budget for this year. If anything is needed, the request will come to council and it will be voted on at that time.

4. Principal's Report -

From September meeting:

Budget lines that were not fully used last school year were put towards paying off the accessible playground addition (as the additional cost came in much higher and was the Council's main goal for fundraising).

Regarding the Home Show earnings, the difference noted was due to 3 cheques (total of \$3,504.46) that came in around the Home Show but were earmarked for the accessible playground addition.

a. **Virtual/In Person** - This past week, all families attending DSBN Virtual School were phoned to check in with them and see how they are doing. At this time, students have the opportunity to change and fill out a form if they are returning to school. About 16 students will be returning in November. Staffing process is happening now and we should be status quo. With any school that has had a COVID case, it has been a single case and it has been contained. It has not spread beyond that one person. Crossroads is very fortunate to have had no cases.

b. **Progress Reports - Interviews** - Reports will be coming out slightly later this year on November 19th. There will be interview opportunities for all parents. Some will be via Microsoft Teams and some will be phone calls depending on teacher and parents' preferences.

5. **Vice Principal's Report** - Melora

a. **Nutrition Program** - Crossroads has started a smaller version of a nutrition program. Prepackaged food is going out to students that need it such as yogurt, cheese, muffins and low-sugar granola bars.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - Joy Quinn - Mabels Labels has brought in \$111.61. Everything else is a carryover from last year. Report is attached.

7. **Fund Raising?** - We don't know how families/businesses are doing, this year is very different. How much do we want to focus on fundraising? Amy suggested that we do a little bit of community-based fundraising and that we should touch base with Home Show businesses. Suggestions included a golf tournament, a scavenger hunt around the community, drive-in night, online trivia or a calendar of student artwork. Amanda Fretz is willing to do FundScrip again which can be solely online and cards can be mailed to purchasers' houses. Joy suggested Rakuten which includes gift cards and online shopping with a huge database of retailers. It was decided that we should have a fundraising committee that will collect ideas, discuss and report to Council. The fundraising committee consists of Ashleigh Dixon, Amy Rapone, Gina Moore, Carrie Plaskett, Magdalena Bator and Amanda Nickason. We also want to give a huge shout out to Amber Dyck and Matt Dietsch who both did an incredibly large amount of fundraising outside the school to raise additional funds for the new playground. Thank you Amber and Matt!!

8. **Adjournment** - Motion by Amy Rapone, seconded by Joy Quinn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 7:00pm