

DJS School Council Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks Tracy Staples (10 minutes)

Attendees:

Tracy Staples
Andrew Pratt
Christine McCaw
Donna Bartlett,
Lisa Magee
Michelene Elias-Bates
Kristy Murray
Kendra Runions

Regrets:

- School continues to follow Health and Safety Guidelines this school year
- Thank you to last year's School Council.
- School website, School Council direct link, Meeting Minutes posted on this site http://djschoular.ucdsb.on.ca/our_school/school_council
- School Council Ministry of Education Guide (show where on website)
- Review of Code of Ethics and Roles of Council Executive & Members

1. **Executive Council Elections:** Tracy Staples (10 minutes)

Description of Council Roles and Responsibilities

Share Nominations and Self Nominations

- Chair - Donna Bartlett, Self-Nomination, Motion: Micheline Elias-Bates
Second: Kendra Runions
- Secretary - Kristy Murray, Self-Nomination, Motion: Donna Bartlett,
Second: Christine McCaw
- Community Representative – Lisa Magee – All Council in Favour
- Student Representative TBD
- Staff Member - Christine McCaw
- Non-Teaching Staff Member – Micheline Elias-Bates

2. **Review of minutes from last meeting:** Tracy Staples (5 minutes)

Motion to approve minutes from June meeting: Donna
Bartlett Seconded: Christine McCaw

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Tracy Staples 5 minutes

- Current Council Budget: \$ 5896.17

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4. **Teacher Report:** Christine McCaw (5 minutes)
Successful start-up in kindergarten, started Heggerty Reading Program

Principal Report: Tracy Staples & Andrew Pratt (7 minutes)

Start Up

Review of successful start-up, focus start-up on making school safe to return and re-engagement, transition program the week before school started, Senior Kindergarten started on first day, some JK's started Day 2 and some on Day 3.

All staff participated in 3 days of professional development. Day 1 Health and Safety Protocols, Mental Health and Well Being, Anti-Racism and Anti Discrimination Training Day 2 learning Recovery and Intervention Strategies, Mathematics Day 3 Other Board Priorities and Start Up Routines.
Reengagement in the 2021-22 School Year

Enrollment

364 Students

17 Classrooms

Additional Classroom – Portable Grade 5/6/7 – key pass to enter school
Started with 12 EAs – have just been allocated an additional EA – job has been posted

Increase in Kindergarten Enrolment – allocated an additional ECE – job has been posted

Fire Drills

Continued from Last Year - Changes to Fire Drill Procedures “The Ontario Fire Marshal is issuing a binding directive, Fire Marshal Directive 2020-001, Total Evacuation Fire Drills in Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic, to assistants to the Fire Marshal. This directive provides flexibility during fire drills so that all occupants of the school do not need to evacuate simultaneously, to ensure COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are maintained. This approach will be deemed to comply with Fire Code requirements for schools by local fire departments. To support school safety, the Ministry of Education and the Office of the Fire Marshal collaborated to create a guidance document for Keeping Students Safe in School, during fire drills. We have had our three Fire Drills for this term.

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Terry Fox Walk Run

Successful – waiting on final amount collected. To be shared at next meeting.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt

The board provided a number of activities, resources and virtual sessions for classes to join.

Our school participated in a variety of ways. Some of the activities and learning is posted on our Facebook Page. The learning will continue throughout the school year through social studies, history, geography, language and the arts.

Board Support

Early Years Learning Partner- Amy Killeen – working with the Kindergarten and Grade ½ classes to support collection of data using Heggerty.

Learning Partner – Chris Cook Supporting Numeracy – coming to DJS next week
UCDSB Facebook Page – posting weekly supports for math

Health and Safety Protocols

Review of School Screening Tool (access via link as version updates occur – most current September 27th) and protocols being used by staff and students/families, visitors. Review Return to Learn Guide.

Upcoming Events: Tracy Staples

IEP's go home Oct 19, Photovisions Oct 21 (no retakes), Dress Purple for Child Abuse Prevention Oct 27

5. **Fundraising:** update Tracy Staples (5 minutes)
Schools to receive more information shortly about rules and regulations about fundraising
6. **Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:** (5 minutes)
At least 4 per school year.
Nov 3, Dec 1, Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1
7. **New Business:** (10 minutes)
Hot Lunches 2021-22 School Year: We will be able to offer hot lunches and follow the guidelines. School will share guidelines when they become available.
Donna to reach out to Milano's for pricing for special lunch for students on behalf of School Council.

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School Council Insurance: We can sign up when/if needed, prorated amount

8. Correspondence: (3 minutes)

Nothing to report

9. Date of next meeting:

November 3rd