

SCC Meeting #3 - Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 - Notes taken by Ms. Lakatos

1. Welcome, Introductions by Nicole

2. School Report from Grade 8 Students

3. Administrator's Report by Ms. Goundry

- a) Review 'official norms' - hard copy was distributed to all - will be called upon when necessary
- b) On-line sign-up for Parent/Teacher conferences - review of the NEW system - discuss pros and cons → feedback from parent council members overwhelmingly positive (Jen, Laura, Kinzi), cancellation/making changes to booked interview slot is problematic (Roselyn)
- c) Noted by several parent council members and acknowledged by Ms. Goundry that reminders need to be sent to ensure interview times are kept to the 10 min allotted time slot without going over and into the next scheduled interview slot
- d) Dress-Code (hard copy was distributed to all) → Revisions and Proposals
→ more inclusive, positive feedback thus far, is to be released to the community next week, all SCC members are requested to provide any feedback/questions/concerns over the next week if they have any to share
- e) Halloween Parade / BCI Focus / Superintendent Visit and Feedback shared with parent council
- f) Recent Discussions/Changes/In-The-Works: 1. Portable ready... but not able to use yet; 2. New Staff members (names and roles); 3. Loop Duties increased to ensure safety → noted the incident where students dismissed by supply teacher from the park; 4. Pick-up/drop-off @ daycare - concerns regarding safety; 5. ETFO Supervision changes must be considered by adjusting supervision times @ entry - 8:50 AM and @ lunch entry - 12:35 PM; 6. Communication to Families from Admin. - includes info which pertains to all, not necessarily everything/not all news is relevant to all.

4. Treasurer's Update by Sohail

- a) Report being created
- b) Receipts to be given to Sohail as they come in

5. Group Discussion - Focused on Future Events - what to keep/change/drop - open discussion by all SCC members

- a) Keep Drop & Shop → provide some music while kids are waiting/eating (Kinzi identified this area of need)
→ larger screen, if technically possible
→ Gr. 6-8 in Library/ Primaries in Gym
→ Possible Dates? Dec. 5 (not enough time to prep) / Dec. 18 (too close to break, Ms. Lakatos expressed concern that may families pull students early for extended holiday that final week of school)
→ Dec. 9 TENTATIVE DATE
→ Cost \$10 through School-Cash-On-Line
→ Provide healthy food options
→ Film - Primary/Int. ensure rating is safe / How to ensure there is no mixing between Prim/Int. - may need parental permission
→ Sign-up to volunteer on Dec. 9

- b) Art Event (buy student art created in class) - suggested by Nicole
- c) Math Night - suggested by Khudsiya
- d) Spelling Bee Night - suggested by Kinzi
- e) SCC Collaboration/Visit with other schools to share ideas of what works, what events are beneficial as shared by other Ajax schools - suggested by Sohail
- f) Fun Fair - Pros and Cons
 - bringing community together
 - need to create a sub-committee
 - scale back (Jen) other members agree to scale it down
 - anyone willing to facilitate? Khudsiya and Kinzi offer to head the sub-committee

6. Final Remarks: Kinzi expressed interest in sharing communication between SCC members using FB/What's App or other social media platform. Ms. Goundry expressed concern and shared that our Board does not encourage communication outside the DDSB Board email.

Next SCC meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9 @ 6:00 PM in the library.

Good evening SCC members. We hope you've had an amazing month since the last time we've seen you. a lot has happened here at the ridge.

As you all know today is remembrance day and we had our remembrance day assembly. The students created wreaths and other projects to put up, we watched a slideshow created by the student council, and heard some poems written by our students here at the ridge.

Last week we even had a veteran come to talk to our grade eights and share some things from her experience in the war and being a soldier.

We also had our Halloween dance where many people won prizes for things like the funniest costume, limbo, and best dancer. Our school raised \$775 plus a \$200 donation from a parent which we are so grateful for because all of the money is going towards our graduation!

our intermediate boy's volleyball team got all the way to the sweet 16 tournaments after a lot of hard work and practice. We are so proud of them!

Speaking about volleyball, coming up we have our co-ed volleyball team tryouts which we hope to have many students try-out.

A couple of weeks ago we had our annual food drive that went amazingly! From just the three grade eight classes we had around 800 things brought in! I couldn't even imagine how many people we have helped!

The grade eights had their first tour of Pickering high and got to see some of the classes, meet teachers and even learned the Pickering Trojans cheer!

The chocolate fundraiser also began. Grade eights have been selling Laura Secord chocolates in hopes to get some more money towards their grad trip!

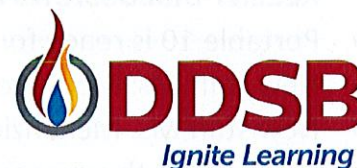
Lastly, our winter concert is in exactly one week and we can't wait for Mr. Martin to prepare our students and hopefully have some parents come out to watch!

We thank you all for coming tonight and we hope you have a great rest of your evening!



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Principals Report – Nov 11, 2019

1 – Sharing of NORMS

- Most popular responses included year long commitments to the SCC, ending on time, keeping the conversation on track during the meeting and aiming to be positive and productive

2 – NEW - Online Interview Requests

- Priority given to families in homeroom classes for intermediate teachers
- Additional interviews can be set up with staff on alternative dates if space no longer remains
- Glitch – parents were signing up for 2 spots or with the incorrect teacher
- Other Feedback on the new system:
- Most found it helpful and easy to use, comment made that it was difficult to change appointment times and each time parents logged in a new “code” was shared instead of the same password

3 – DRESS CODE FEEDBACK

- Want to be inclusive of all students and respectful of identities, not gender bias
- Want to be responsive and in alignment with Board policies and practices
- Time to review current dress code and revisions agreed upon by staff
- Other Feedback on the Dress Code:
- Most found it to be responsive and inclusive to all students. Offer made to SCC members if they have other feedback/questions or concerns to share it with me prior to the end of the week as I plan on releasing it to our community through email next week and then sharing class by class with students

4 – General School Updates

- **Halloween parade changes (families in the library for viewing) Alternative programming**
More than 30 children participated in activities tied to art, Science and STEM!
- **BCIs and Professional Development for staff**
Continuing focus on Math with identified student learning needs in thinking/processing (determining a plan in response to a question and knowing how to carry it out) Problem Solving Writing focus on planning ideas and organizing thoughts, Reading focus on Inferring
- **Superintendent Visit 1 and Visit from the Board Equity Team**
Very pleased with continued focus on both student and staff identified learning needs and with CRRP initiatives. Board Equity team (Administrative officer Merrill Mathews and Instructional Facilitators Carolynne Waters, Literacy/Numeracy and Camille Ali, Equity and Inclusive Education Facilitator) visited our school on Friday to meet with the 20 Days of Equity writing team to share information and feedback and discuss next steps to support our school

RECENT DISCUSSIONS AND CHANGES

- Portable 10 is ready for students, we are now waiting on the Fire Department's approval
- New staff Ms. McIntyre (in for the remainder of the year for Mrs. Evans)
- New staff Ms. McKenzie (in for Mrs. Jehn) and Mrs. Tombler, coverage on Day 3
- New staff in the process of hiring for 1/2 Mrs. Cammisa, maternity leave will start early
- Parent concern regarding pick up if a parent is late and primary child is outside, although rare we want to ensure safety and have adjusted the large and small traffic loop duties at the end of the day. Teachers now walk the exterior of the school to ensure everyone is picked up/taken to the office
- Parent concerns were raised when a supply teacher dismissed children from the park behind the school. Response to ensure that all students were safe and connected with caregivers. Phone calls were placed to all families of the students in the class impacted to follow up.
- Parent concern regarding drop off and pick up procedures with SchoolHouse Playcare Although a fob has been installed by the school on the Kindergarten door, it is unlocked before and after school hours for parental drop off and pick up. We are seeking solutions with the Board and SchoolHouse Playcare to increase security and Board personnel will visit later this week
- Parent requested potentially having digital meetings for SCC, this request was shared with the Board and at the present time this is not an option although it may be in the future.
- ETFO has recently passed information about Entry Bell Times and supervision duty. This may require a 5 minute adjustment to some schools to meet collective agreement guidelines. Teachers will now report for yard duty at 8:50, rather than 8:45 and lunch duty will commence at 12:35, rather than 12:30. Bells will remain the same for the remainder of this year; Breakfast Club times will remain unchanged for the remainder of this year.
- Administration is aware of an email which was circulated to many parents and guardians in our school community. People may or may not be aware that principal and vice principal were not included in the thread of this distribution list. We are here to work collaboratively with all stakeholders in our school community and it was shared by several families to ensure that the school was kept informed of information and communication circulating. If there are any questions about the content – particularly tied to concerns shared last year, please contact the office so that the response from school and Board can be discussed further.
- Administration will create a more fulsome principals report in response to feedback shared. Administration will continue to share weekly updates with families through email. Administration will continue to provide updates to the community and will also share general parent questions or concerns which are not specifically linked to any one student for confidentiality as a piece of the principals report tied to ongoing communication with families



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SCC NORMS 2019/2020

The following NORMS have been co-created between the staff at Eagle Ridge Public School and members of our School Community Council. NORMS will be reviewed during each meeting and will be revisited and revised as needed:

- 1 - Each member will commit to participate for the school year
- 2 - We will start and end on time
- 3 - Each member will listen attentively as others speak
- 4 - Everyone's point of view will be considered
- 5 - Our conversations will reflect our respect for and acceptance of one another
- 6 - We will disagree with ideas, not individuals
- 7 - No negative comments or put-downs will be directed at anyone at the table
- 8 - All members will aim to keep the conversation on track during the meeting
- 9 - All members will work to keep our SCC meeting positive and productive

DRESS CODE

While on school property or during school events students will dress in a manner which is appropriate for the workplace/classroom as determined by the staff and community of Eagle Ridge PS. SHIRTS: low cut, revealing tops are not permitted; no bare mid-drifts; back is to be covered, no see-through clothing; tank tops must have straps 2 fingers wide, no halter or tube tops UNDERGARMENTS: are to be hidden from view SHORTS/SKIRTS: must be an appropriate length as determined by the Eagle Ridge Staff.

Clothing for field trips should be appropriate for the specific trip and must also reflect the school's dress code.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

SCHOOL ATTIRE

Eagle Ridge Public School values all staff, students and community members who enter our building. We appreciate student voice and respect individuality and expression of the many facets of identity. We also recognize the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories and personal hygiene and appearance for school. Attire on any staff, student or visitor, which could present a health or safety problem, including but not limited to images or logos that portray hate speech, obscenities, profanity, pornography, prejudice/discrimination, racism or sexism, suggestive slang, violence, advertising of alcohol and/or drugs, is not appropriate for our school.

We encourage daily physical activity and all clothing and footwear should enable full participation in our dynamic programs. Clothing should cover all undergarments; this includes bra straps, which should be hidden from view. Mesh sports jerseys which expose a bare chest, should not be worn at school. All clothing should enable free movement and should not expose a student's undergarments when participation in physical education occurs. Clothing for field trips should be appropriate for the specific trip and must reflect the school attire.

COMMENTS or SUGGESTIONS: