

Le Phare Elementary School

# School Council Meeting

## 09/22/20

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**22 SEPTEMBER 2020 / 7:00 PM / Virtual**

### ATTENDEES

Raman Pall  
Crissy Hallock  
Caroline Madore  
Sherwyn Solomon  
Steve Chapman  
Margaret Crosier  
Farhan Hameed  
Ashley Maltais  
Tanya Thomas  
Veronica Retamales Buford  
Caitlin McIlveen  
Julie Thompson  
Saleh Hamdan  
Marianna Connors

### AGENDA

#### **New Business**

- Round table of introductions.
- Elections are held electronically this year since we are limited to meeting virtually and as permitted by the OCDSB.
- Election for council positions and results:

Marianna and Crissy as Co-Chairs

Ashley as Secretary

Lana Parris as Treasurer

- Financial Report:
- Future Fundraising options /Review of last year's initiatives

- Toilet Paper Fundraiser
- \$500 was donated in June to Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard as a way to support our Le Phare families / community.
- Marianna presented the idea of donating funds to Carson Grove Elementary School. We discussed the idea of offering a small donation in the short term, helping them start their own School Council, and determine what their Teachers' Wish List is.
- Caitlin and Sherwyn will reach out to the school's staff to discuss next steps. Sara Remillard (ECE at Carson Grove) could also be a point of contact.
- Lunch Programs update: No lunch programs can be offered this year in light of Covid-19.
- Breakfast Program: It is still unknown if this can be offered, but it was deemed an essential program for families at Le Phare.
- Auctria Fundraising / Events option: Jevin Maltais proposed some options for the year. Council to decide what they want and then more planning will take place.
- Teacher's Wish List : Peggy Crosier advised that Snowshoes and Clipboards among other items would be useful this year. Council advised that we need to know the complete list of items, associated costs and which supplier to use for each item.
- Safety Issues:
  - Parents have concerns regarding the Shoppers Crossing Guard availability. They would like to see this Guard position stay on past 3 pm so Le Phare children can benefit from having them cross safely after school.
  - Parents are concerned with the density of parents all in one spot during pick up and drop off times. School administration advised that the parking lot was closed in order to keep kids from mixing with cars (safety issue). Amendments to drop off / pick up will be ongoing as needed / where feasible.
- There are currently 292 students enrolled this year at Le Phare - numbers are down slightly given some families have opted for online learning.
- Supply teachers: there is currently a huge lack of supply teachers to meet the demand. This shortage is board and city wide currently. Administration reiterated their commitment to putting measures in place to protect students and staff.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Franco-Ontarian Day Friday September 25, 2020
  - Orange Shirt Day September 30th, 2020
  - Rowan's Day - Concussion Safety Awareness September 30th, 2020
  - Sherwyn will schedule another virtual after school session Q&A in early October for parents.
- Next Meeting: October 20th, 2020

## NOTES

- Any emails pertaining to School Council can be directed to [sc-lepharees@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-lepharees@ocdsb.ca)

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Teacher's Wish List and Fundraising / Event ideas**
2. **Crossing Guard issue**