

## **Sunnyside Parent Council Minutes: November 10th, 2020**

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Present:

- Sunnyside: Julia Passmore, Kim Freeman, Charity Frey
- Kurt Rahenfuehrer, daughter in Gr. 7-3
- Cheree Sladic, daughter in DL

### 2. Principal's Update - 2020/2021 Overview to date

#### a. Julia(Principal)

- change in mode of learning will happen for the start of Term 2
- at present 245 students in person and 111 students doing Distance Learning
- three congregated classes: ABLE, LD, Behav/Life Skills
- began with seven of each, now we have five Gr. 7, four Gr. 8 classes
- approximately 26 students in each grade 8, 24 in grade 7
- Many safety routines in place following the boards outlined protocols (developed with Public Health)
- Out of 22 teachers, five of them have been assigned to Distance Learning
- Diverse population, 60 languages spoken

#### b. Kim (Vice-Principal)

- New ways to create community and engagement at school - Fun Friday announcement activity, virtual assemblies/activities
- Working to get more Chromebooks into classrooms, presently combination of Chromebook/ipad
  - \*\* Kurt asked about options for getting more CBs, something for future thought
- Nutrition breaks: students get one indoor 40 minute eating time and one outdoor 40 min time daily

### 3. History of School Council at Sunnyside

- a. despite efforts, we have not had a council at Sunnyside for several years
- b. sometimes a few parents would come to first meeting, but no one willing to be on an executive and couldn't keep it going
- c. would really like a way to connect with parents and engage of the community
- d. was working with Eastwood to find ways to work together to engage racialized communities or parents who may have obstacles in the way of becoming involved with the school - however COVID has sort of put a pause on that

### 4. School Council Membership:

- Kurt will take on the position of chair
- Cheree will take minutes and add support

### 5. Discussion: What do we want in a council moving forward this year?

- Kurt and Cheree to reach out to other parents
- Building a membership is the goal, focus on gathering more parents, raising understanding, possible fundraising (passively this year)
- Future meetings: 7:30 on the second Monday of each month
- Add to messaging that students do better in school if their parents are involved
- Need to fully explain what council is to parents - fear of unknown
- Physical note into the report cards (Kurt to work on and get to Sunnyside Admin by Wednesday, Nov. 18th), possible use of QR code (Charity)

6. Adjournment: Next meeting Dec. 7th, 7:30, virtual meeting