

Joussard School Council
9/22/2021

Attendance: Spencer Smith, Hilary Zahacy, Lorraine Shelp, Sandi Stone, Dominic Stone, Laverne Lamarche

Agenda

- Introductions
 - Spencer Smith - Principal
 - Hilary Zahacy - Grade 3 Teacher and parent
 - Lorie Shelp - HPSD Trustee
 - Sandi Stone - Parent of Max Stone
 - Laverne Lamarche - Sophia's guardian
- Land Acknowledgement
- Purpose of School Council
 - Advisory group to support the school administration in decision making and meeting the needs of our communities.
 - Not a fundraising entity
- Meeting format
 - Time/Date/Form of sharing
 - Problem joining the Zoom meeting
 - Asking to join the Zoom meeting, Wants email and password.
 - Earlier after school might work - many students go to bed at that time of night.
- Lunch Program
 - Laverne appreciates the schedule. Sandi seconds.
 - Mushroom soup
 - A poutine day.
- Open House
 - Virtual Open House
 - Teachers make a video of the classroom and introduce themselves
 - Laverne mentioned that she really appreciates and enjoys the posts on Facebook - this format sounds good to her.
 - Students do a tour of the school virtually
 - Open link to a google meet - Schedule times for meets or phone calls to check in with teacher
 - Parking Lot Escape Room
 - Look online for ideas
- Other concerns/ideas/areas for discussion:
 - Laverne - timetable of the students' day so that parents know what is happening at certain times of the day.
 - Spencer will ask Shoba to send her a timetable
 - Possibility of homework for some students
 - Newsletters sharing what students are learning right now.
 - Seesaw is an option but it can be a challenge w/ technology
 - Student population - Roughly 74 students right now
 - Ways to raise student population discussed
 - Posting on FB is a great way to raise awareness about what is going on in our school - we will keep at this
 - Family fun nights, when able to resume.

- Parent Council
 - Meet every 2 months
 - Lorie - 3rd Wednesday of each month is board meeting - she will be unavailable.
 - Laverne will try to make it to meetings online - she will join the council
 - Sandi and Dominic Stone will join parent council
 - Short meeting next month with superintendent Laura Poloz in attendance
 - Lorie suggested we continue to advertise our council meetings through email to each parent, and to continue the gift card draw.
 - We will think of other ideas to engage parents and have them check out the meetings as well.
 - Draw will be made tomorrow - Sophia and Max's names will be entered for the prize of a \$20 gift card to Walmart.

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 4:30 pm**