

William Cook Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020

At 6:30pm, Conducted via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Mrs. Loat, Mrs. Kusch, Laura Margolin, Rose Schumacher, Jody Kovacs, Jenny Mata, Erika Thomas

**2. Call to order**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting. June 17, 2020**

**5. Executive Positions**

- Chair: Laura Margolin
- Treasurer: Rose Schumacher
- Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator: Jody Kovacs
- Special Events Coordinator: Elaheh Shavalian
- Secretary: Jody Kovacs
- Members-at-Large: Alfred Kong, Erika Thomas

**6. Chair Report – Laura**

- Lunch Days are on hold for now
  - all 'special' lunch days are being put on hold and only select fruit and veggie days are currently being pursued.
- Fruit and Vegetable days are up and running
- We have enough money to cover the 2020/2021 teacher subsidies without fundraising

**7. School Administrator Report – Mrs. Loat**

- School Organization/New Staff/ New VP Mrs. Kusch
  - Cook has welcomed a new vice principal this year. Mrs. Kusch has replaced Mrs. Alderson whom moved out of country. We hope you enjoy Cook, Ms. Kusch.

-There are currently 23 divisions at Cook. There are just over 500 students enrolled, however 360 students have returned for in person instruction, 130/135 are enrolled in transitional Learning and 40 students transitioned back to school on October 13.

-There are 12-15 students in each primary (1-4) class and 20-22 in each intermediate (5-7) class, that works out to be 5 less students than usual within each class. All classes are full except for the kindergarten classes who have room to welcome more students.

-Innovation Grants 2020/21

- The \$30,000.00 learning grant was used to put an outdoor learning space outside of the grade 6/7 learning pod and the 1/2 learning pod.

- Health and Safety updates

- There currently is no breakfast club, however, there are 10 families in need that are being provided hampers that are being delivered to their homes via Save on Foods. There is no outside lunch currently welcome at the school. All students are required to bring a bagged lunch with them. Masks are encouraged within areas of the school where social distancing is not possible. If a student wants a mask but doesn't have one, they are able to get one from the office.

- Cook Construction Project update

- The construction that has been ongoing since September 2018 has been completed as of September 2020.

-The gym is being painted and so is the outside of the school. The construction workers paved and painted the basketball court outside the gym and also installed new hoops.

-The gym is getting a new logo and library is also getting new shelves, carts, tables and chairs. The librarian is assisting with transitional learners, so the library is closed making this the ideal time for the work to be done.

-In the future we hope to have outdoor structures installed to assist with outdoor learning at \$500 each. These will help shield students, teachers and learning materials from the weather.

-Cook also hopes to have another smaller playground installed outside of the kindergarten wing.

- FSA update: Gr. 4 and 7 students Jan/Feb 2021

- The FSA for grades 4-7 has been postponed from mid-December to mid-January.

- Outdoor Learning spaces and plans for the future

- The teachers in Cook are using the outdoor gardening plots to teach students the importance of planting healthy foods we eat, as well as, about different plants we currently have growing.

New benches were installed for parents to have a place to sit and wait to for their child(ren) and for students to enjoy.

## **8. Treasurer Report – Rose**

- General Account balance: \$18,186.41
- Gaming Account balance: \$6760.52

## **9. New Business**

- We will use paper bags for upcoming fruit and vegetable days, thanks to Erika Thomas for the donation

- Erica is going to donate money to cook to purchase paper bags instead of using single use plastic for fruit and veggie days at cook.

-Cook is proactively teaching students how to recycle and leave behind less of a carbon footprint as possible, the paper bags will encourage and promote recycling and less waste.

- Next PAC meeting scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom