

**Leslieville School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 2020**



Item	Notes
<b>Agenda and Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda was circulated electronically via Mr. Yee.</li> <li>• No prior minutes to approve.</li> </ul>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p><b>Positive COVID-19 Case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal addressed COVID-19 positive test with a child who also attends Woodgreen Daycare.</li> <li>• TPH has said that children in that cohort at the daycare should be tested or quarantined for 14 days.</li> <li>• School was not in a position to share any further information at this time. Many parent questions about why the protocols for the school are different than the daycare and a concern that children in affected class have not been notified.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other COVID-19 Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A concern was raised around supply teachers (i.e. some are not wearing masks properly or seem to understand protocols). Suggestion was for the administration to do spot checks on these teachers to ensure they are doing what they should be. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Yee responded that supply teachers are screened prior to beginning work and school is doing their best to ensure that they are following all protocols.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• After school play on the monkey bars – parent raised that cohorts are mixing after school. Mr. Yee stated that families should be leaving school grounds immediately after school and not staying on the grounds per TDSB direction.</li> <li>• Question was raised as to whether the snack program is still running – confirmed that it is still running with pre-packaged snacks and sent it out at recess. Children need to be encouraged to throw away their wrappers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question from a parent regarding identifying families in need of support during these times. Mr. Yee responded that families in need often will not approach him to ask for support, but he does try to identify and support potential families.</li> <li>• Regarding ventilation and outside play: Mr. Yee stated that windows are generally being kept open and teachers are encouraged to spend as much time as possible outside.</li> <li>• Children are no longer allowed to drink from water fountains – we are waiting for installation of water refilling stations.</li> <li>• Question was raised around what PPE the school has to provide to students from the board. Mr. Yee will follow up and check what we have to give to students.</li> <li>• If masks are unused, then parents can donate them to the office for use by teachers or students.</li> <li>• Further COVID-19 questions to continue to be addressed by Council Chairs with Mr. Yee and circulated to the school community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4pm – first opportunity to change your child from in-person to virtual school or vice-versa.</li> </ul>
<b>Teacher Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cremer provided a report on teacher’s experience since the beginning of the year.</li> <li>• A few observations/suggestions from the teachers so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider the idea of plexi-glass purchases – to be further discussed.</li> <li>○ Teachers are trying to encourage children to social distance as much as possible, especially outside (on the monkey bars, etc.) so for parents to please reiterate with their children at home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Re recess bags – teachers are giving out some equipment to the classes but trying to sanitize before doing so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council to ask teachers what items need to be replaced for this year to encourage outdoor learning and play.</li> <li>○ No touch or tackle sports are allowed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Elections and Council Committees for 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Malbogot outlined school council process (i.e. that everyone is entitled to a vote at the meeting). The goal of council is to ensure that our decisions are informed by the broader school</li> </ul>

	<p>community and research. Julie will provide survey results from the broader school community from last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Executives for 2020-2021 are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Julie Malbogat and Amy Lazar-Kleiman are re-elected as co-Chairs</li> <li>○ Jenn McGoey and Lindsey White are elected as co-Secretaries</li> <li>○ Winston Ng and Sumiko Oda are elected as co-Treasurers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Julie outlined the priorities for council this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Literacy and reading</li> <li>○ Mental Health</li> <li>○ Advocacy</li> <li>○ Diversity &amp; inclusion</li> <li>○ Parent engagement</li> <li>○ COVID supports (e.g. work with teachers to determine what supports/funding would be useful)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These will be the committees for this year. Looking for leads and volunteers for each committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurers report – Winston reviewed expenses from last year.</li> <li>• Question from parent regarding our prior spending trends: Winston outlined that Council typically spends about \$20,000 a year on expenditures but starting the year at \$19,000 this year is a little less than normal because of lack of Fun Fair last year.</li> <li>• Council should spend what it raises within a year, but tend to carry-over a little bit to start the next year and pay out expenses prior to Fun Fair funds being received at the end of the year.</li> <li>• Julie raised that we currently provide \$150 per teacher and asked whether we should vote to continue, and discussion was has as to whether we should increase. Motion proposed to approve \$150 now and then consider a further amount in January. We currently have 16.5 teachers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion passed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Decisions**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Executive was elected as outlined above.</li> <li>• \$150 per teacher allowance was approved.</li> </ul>
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**Actions**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Yee to provide further information on COVID-19 case as soon as he has spoken further with TPH.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie to provide last year’s survey results to council members.</li> <li>• COVID committee to work with teachers to ask what funding/support they need to facilitate outdoor play and learning.</li> </ul>
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**Future Agenda Items**

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**Future Meeting Schedule**

2020-21	<p>The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 20, 2020</li> <li>• November 17, 2020</li> <li>• December 15, 2020</li> <li>• January 19, 2021</li> <li>• February 16, 2021</li> <li>• March 16, 2021</li> <li>• April 20, 2021</li> <li>• May 18, 2021</li> <li>• June 15, 2021</li> </ul>
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