



Agenda

Stoneybrook Parent School Council Agenda

Monday, June 7

7:00 p.m – 8:30 p.m Virtual Meeting

Parents, Teachers, Students & the Community

Working Together



Stoneybrook Parent School Council
Executive
2020-2021

Principal
 Melinda Curran

Chair*
 Michelle Bacon

Chair-Elect*
 Vacant

Past Chair*
 Vacant

Treasurer*
 Rebecca Hummel

Secretary*
 Alex Ward

Parent Representatives*
 Amanda Banas; Simone Bonello; Felicia Hampson; Michael Lobodzinski; Viola Montgomery; Lindsay Neale; Rachel Peaker; Allyson Watson

Communication*
 Xin Zhou (Joe)

Teacher Representative*
 Lorraine Lewis

Student Representatives*
 TBD

Hot Lunch Coordinator
 Allyson Watson

***Voting Positions**

	Item
1.	<p>Welcome and approval of May 2021 SPSC meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At Viola’s suggestions, Council took 1 minute of silence to honor the Muslim family tragically killed in London, the night before. - Minutes were reviewed; Allyson motioned to approve; Amanda seconded the motion; all in favour.
2.	<p>Business Arising from the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of educator retirement / reassignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a lengthy discussion last month surrounding the retirement of a teacher that has been at the school for over twenty years. ○ Michelle: confirmed Council funds cannot be used to purchase teacher gifts, even if that is the stated purpose of a fundraising initiative. However, purchasing something for the students <i>in recognition</i> of a teacher’s retirement/service to the school <i>would</i> be allowed; a sticker or label could be attached to the items purchase (e.g. a book) for these students saying “in recognition of...” ○ Melinda: it is our intention to find the best practice for Council as a whole in recognizing a staff retirement that is within the rules. ○ Allyson: Can we perhaps give a departing staff member a dollar amount so that they can choose something for students themselves that is meaningful to their tenure at the school? I think it’s important to include Ms. Calhoon, Mrs. Sweeny and Mrs. Curran should be included in this as well. We need to aim to be fair for ALL departing staff. ○ Becca: how much money is appropriate to keep aside each year for this fund? ○ Michelle: in past years we’ve never run our funds so low so we haven’t been worried about not having the funds to fulfill this need; usually from a financial standpoint, we’re in a good spot to spend these dollars at the end of the year. ○ Melinda: SPSC Retirement Recognition funds may be used by departing staff <i>in consultation with</i> school administration to purchase materials/items that are most needed and/or most meaningful to the tenure of the departing staff; these materials/items (ie. Mental health workshop, jerseys, books, etc.) would be available for students to use on a borrowing basis so that they are available to all and so that all students can continue benefiting in honor of the departing staff. ○ Allyson made the motion to move forward with the SPSC Retirement Recognition Fund as written above; Amanda seconded the motion; all members in favour. <i>Note</i>, amendment

below.

3. **Principal's Report**

- New principal visiting - Andrea Chevalier: thank you for the warm welcome!
- Michelle: welcomed Andrea and thanked her for joining and for taking time to introduce herself.
- Melinda: we are here to help and have resources at Stoneybrook and TVDSB for anyone needing it after last night's terrorist attack in London. Thank you to Viola for recommending the moment of silence to honor the loss of this London family.
- Posts are installed for the shade sail in the FDK yard and both reading gardens (FDK and primary) are now installed; both look great and there has been lots of positive feedback.
- Cupboards and sinks are being replaced in some classrooms for a fresh update.
- Reminders from TVDSB: The virtual workshop (Raising Our Children Post-Pandemic) went well.
 - Over 40 parents attended
 - The content was very validating; good ideas to bring into our own lives and use for ourselves
 - Panel of 5 staff shared ways in which they use some strategies in class
 - We used parent involvement funds for that workshop
- Used parent involvement funds for a little incoming-kindergarten gift: wildflower garden seeds and welcome note.
- We're moving forward with virtual graduation; we cannot get an in-person celebration together with such late notice after recent the announcement from the province.
- Learning model survey closed last week
 - There is no ability to move back and forth between learning models
 - If the province gets locked down again like this year, they will follow the same model as this year
 - Michelle: What was the response like from Stoneybrook families?
 - Melinda: 28 students are staying virtual for next year
- Sharks Spirit Week – June 21-25: Asking families to put their Stoneybrook spiritwear in the windows; any graduation celebration in person will fall during that week as well
- Report cards: go home on Friday, June 25; Monday, June 28 is the last day of school.
- Melinda: At the final staff meeting this evening, the consensus was that we're losing kids; they are less engaged and are looking tired; staff are trying their best and are working hard to make/keep classes engaging.
- Last official staff meeting was held this evening; it's been a pleasure being a part of this school and community; thank you for being so supportive and such positive people to be around.
- Jackie: It has been such a privilege to work with this community

	and these children; nothing will compare; will always hold a special place in her heart for the Stoneybrook Sharks.
4.	<p>Student Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students absent from current and future virtual meetings until further notice.
5.	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly update: Nothing significant has changed; more teachers have used their allocated \$100 for outdoor learning. • Balance as of June 4: \$13,432.95. • 11,300.14 still needs to come out. • Available balance: \$2,132.81. • Becca: Are we still doing the agreed upon science upgrades? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melinda: we have put a pause on it for now so that we can focus on the outdoor learning funds. • Allyson: We need to remember to take out the departing teacher funds for this year. How much will this be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle: Suggestion to amend the original motion: \$100 per departing staff member, maxed out at \$500 per year (5 staff at \$100 each) and if there are any more departing staff in future years, we simply cap it at \$500, and the total amount will be split amongst the total number of staff. ○ Michelle made the motion to amend the original motion for the Retirement Recognition Fund, Amanda seconded this motion; all members in favour. ○ Melinda: Where do we want to draw the line in terms of recognition? Is it a dollar amount? Is it a certain position? ○ Allyson: Think it should be re-assigning of administrators and retirements only. ○ Michelle: Agrees with the administrative re-assignments and retirements. Members agree. • School request for funds – Library shelving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melinda asked for a quote separated into manageable chunks from TVDSB-approved vendor, local shelving/furniture company, “Huroc Manufacturing”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NW corner unit: \$4000 ▪ South wall: \$5,400 ▪ Mobiles: \$14,000 ▪ Melinda recommended starting with the NW corner unit; school funds will cover this ▪ The rest of the library comes in at about \$20,000 ▪ Lorraine: Feels comfortable with the work this company does; however, right now it’s a question of whether it is a priority within the school ▪ The price of steel is what is concerning because it looks like the prices will very likely continue to rise (it’s been 60% increased in the last year alone) ▪ Michelle: We can re-evaluate come September and carry forward this item to the agenda for that month. ▪ Melinda: over time, SPSC can plan to fundraise for parts of the library to be completed

6.	<p>Communications Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates; Joe has been continuing with regular maintenance on the website and updating of the school calendar.
7.	<p>School Council Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report – Michelle to write and submit to Melinda/Board. • 21-22 SPSC elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will be electing for all positions again in September.
8.	<p>Carry Forward Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-2021 Annual Report review • 50th Anniversary Celebration • SPSC Facebook Page • Fundraising goals • 21-22 SPSC Elections • Library Shelving
9.	<p>Important Dates to Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards: go home Friday, June 25 • Last day of school: Monday, June 28
10	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September: date TBA