

# Claremont Public School

## SCC Meeting Minutes

**March 30, 2022**

**Virtual**

**6:30 pm**

Agenda Item	Disussion	Action
1. Recognition of First Nations	<p>The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississaugas Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.</p>	
2. Principals Report (Stephanie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We are now a Mask-Friendly environment. Many continue to choose to wear masks and some choose not to. This is a choice and treated with respect. Cohorting is no longer protocol.</li><li>- Welcome Back to our French teacher Catherine King. After a two year absence we are happy to have her return. Ms. Hembruff will be here supporting the transition and continues to teach the 7/8 class in the afternoon.</li><li>- Volunteers are permitted inside the building again. We are moving slowly forward throughout this new protocol. All volunteers must have a criminal reference check on file. If it is less than five years old and it is on file, you simply need to sign a declaration annual. If you have not completed one within the past five years, you need to go to the police station and ask for a check that includes the "vulnerable sector."</li><li>- Staffing would normally be completed by this point and I'd be able to report. Unfortunately, staffing is delayed this year to accommodate family decisions regarding virtual/in-person choices. The final date for making your choice was March 29th. Now moving forward, DDSB can begin to provide the staffing numbers based on this data. We should know our staffing and class numbers by early – mid April.</li></ul>	

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Principals report cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seaton Whitevale community will be feeding into Claremont P.S. in the 22/23 school year. Not all of the new housing area is going to be ours, but a portion. It is expected that as the houses reach completion after August, we will slowing get new registrations in the months to come. These numbers will be included our staffing for the year.</li> <li>- Intermediate Volleyball Team met regularly throughout the winter in hopes of interschool competition. The team had a great time meeting twice a week to play and practice despite the fact that protocols didn't lift in time</li> <li>- Intermediate Basketball has begun on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time.</li> <li>- Band takes place at lunch every Wednesday. With the dropping of cohort protocols, music is allowed back into the classroom, but we are moving cautiously and are still spaced apart in the gym.</li> <li>- Battle of the Books has been happening since September. Our mighty team has read up to 30 books and was well prepared for their competition on Tuesday through the Pickering Public Library. They ranked in the top three and are moving on to the next level next week.</li> <li>- The Claremont Olympics brought a lot of fun to Phys. Ed. classes and students from each class were divided into countries. Sweden, Canada and the USA were our winners.</li> <li>- The office has purchased footballs, basketballs and soccer balls that can be signed out during recesses.</li> <li>- In Early May our library will be renovated. Why? Most importantly we are getting a much-needed new floor. We are also looking forward to innovative new installments like whiteboards, café tables, a large screen and projector etc. This means the library will be packed away for the remainder of the year. However, Mrs. Murnaghan will be pulling popular titles and creating a "mini library" in the empty classroom across the hall.</li> <li>- Ventilation is being upgraded throughout the older sections of the building. It will involve extensive work on the roof, through our ceilings and rooms. They will start in the library during the renovation and then work through out the summer to ensure increased ventilation when we return in September.</li> <li>- Grade 8 Graduation – we have been given the go ahead to plan in-person graduations with the understanding that we may need to switch to virtual at any given time the Public Health Dept. deems in necessary. We are planning the ceremony here at the school for our families on Thursday, June 23.</li> </ul>	

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3. Playground Update (Stephanie)	<p>We hope to have the primary play structure open by the end of the month. Going back through previous years on file, the inspection is completed at some point between mid to late April. The inspection can not be completed until the frost is completely out of the ground, not just on the surface. They will come check every component of the structure, rototill the pea gravel and then provide their inspection report to the custodian and myself.</p>	
4. Update on Finances/allocation of funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to the SCC Handbook, the SCC is required to spend all monies raised on a timely basis to ensure the maximum benefit accrue to those students during whose tenure the money is raised.</li> <li>- money raised in a year should be spent within the same year except where funding a special project.</li> <li>- no more than 10% can be carried over to the following year; just enough to cover the start up costs.</li> <li>- Ms. Park provided an up to date financial report which indicates \$7,700 in the account as of March 30. Pizza lunch will continue to raise money in addition to the Big Box of Cards fundraiser. I would suggest we will have approximately \$10,000 that will need to be allocated.</li> <li>- A few suggestions were made for where funds could be allocated</li> <li>- Stephanie mentioned that in previous years the SCC covers the cost of 1/2 the chrome books the school purchase (10 chrome books purchased = 5 paid for by the SCC)</li> <li>- Chromebooks are approximately \$500 per.</li> <li>- Mr Phillips was going to ask staff for any suggestions/wish lists.</li> <li>- Ideas mentioned: Chromebooks, Staff/teacher appreciation luncheon, library enhancements, grade 8 graduation (previously contributed \$500), pavement repainting, sports equipment. Megan will send out a questionnaire requesting suggestions in which we can vote on at a later date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gather ideas on where monies can be allocated;</li> <li>- vote at a later date.</li> </ul>
5. Big Box Cards/Fundraisers (Megan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- campaign kicked off this past week;</li> <li>- boxes will be sold until April 11;</li> <li>- cost of the cards per box increased to \$35 a box (previously \$33) but profit still \$11 per box for the school</li> <li>- lots of prizes and incentives; should be a good fundraiser!</li> <li>- Cash and cheque, along with school cash online accepted as forms of payment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looking for a volunteer to help at the end of the campaign with the order/getting boxes organized for distribution</li> </ul>

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6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rebranding our school logo was discussed. Concerns regarding a large "COUGARS" text on school clothing will be looked at in September. Emphasis on Claremont as opposed to Cougars was suggested and agreed upon.</li> <li>- Pathway to Carpenter Court was discussed as per concerns mentioned by parents with regards to how icy the pathway gets in the winter</li> <li>- the current "path" was completed by the community and not approved by the board.</li> <li>- As it is not paved, the school cannot maintain/plow/salt the field pathway</li> <li>- Stephanie can inquire and do a bit of research with regards to what could happen with the path</li> </ul>	
7. Next Meeting	Next meeting was not scheduled. Will schedule via e-mail	

Present: Stephanie Cleveland (principal), Megan Richards (chair), Matt Phillips (teacher representative), Sandy Morehen, Maria Spinner, Courtney Lyman, Sirisha Rao, Kerri Brizland