



South Branch School Council Meeting Agenda Minutes

Tuesday October 13, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Sami Kutowy, Melody Busuttill, Emily Westbrook, Chris Hewett, Christie LaBrash, Kami Link, Jennifer Spronk, Gina Merlin

1. Welcome & attendance (Samantha): 6:05pm
2. Additions & acceptance of meeting agenda (Samantha): Accepted Melody and Emily
3. Acceptance of September 2020 meeting minutes (Samantha): Melody and Emily
4. Teacher's Report (Jen Spronck)

Kinders: beginning to sort/pattern. Utilizing fine motor skills

Grade 1: French: L'été de l'écrit. Turkey adventure writing. Mathletics is now active!

Grade 2: Learning about needs of living things, past and present celebrations. #'s 200/1000 and parts of a story. Looking and identifying coin values and quantities.

Grade 3: Learning about plants/leaves/photosynthesis, place value up to 1000. Covid 19 safety.

Grade 4: Place value up to 10,000. Learning about Habitats. Covid safety.

Grade 5: Learning Math skills/new and review through games. Mrs. Corby's class is using OneNote as an organizational learning tool.

Grade 6: Lots of great work! Biodiversity: Endangered species. Threats to biodiversity.

Patterns/Algebra/word problems. Summarizing nonfiction readings. Bench Mark testing.

Music: Lots of exciting things! All students have been given their own instrument kit for individual use only to play during class. Lots of use with manipulatives ex: pipe cleaner notes/ tennis balls etc.

French: Thanksgiving vocabulary and Fall themes. Looking at identifying objects in the school.

Juniors are doing presentations on "themselves-looking at themes in autumn".

5. Principal's Report (Christie LaBrash and Kami Link)

Staffing

Half Time Office Assistant job – Cindy Barkley has been filling in until someone is officially hired

LEARNING MODELS/PROGRAMMING

This morning our second non-digital pick-up and first drop off happened this morning. All seems to be going smoothly.

We have had a few parents inquiring about switching learning models but for the most part students are continuing in the learning model they have initially signed up for.

As of October 5th, last week, we have been lucky enough to have a speech language assistant, Heather Towns in working with our grade 1 classes doing some reading screeners and assessments. She will be here all of this week and next continuing with grade 1s and then working with some of our Kindergarten Classes.

As of October 13th, UCDSB is allowing Speech Therapists, Occupation Therapists and Physical Therapists to access assigned schools to supports student needs. They are following all the COVID protocols and we are tracking which students worked with any of these therapists on specified dates.

SAVE THE DATE: K-12 PARENT INFO SESSIONS-UCDSB DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

If your child is learning through...

MICROSOFT TEAMS: 7:00 -7:45pm on Tuesday October 20th, 2020

D2L: 7:00 -7:45pm on Wednesday October 21st, 2020

- For parents/guardians of UCDSB students, from K-12, in any learning mode
- Learn more about logging in, navigating the online platform, and finding & submitting work
- Get more comfortable with the tools your child uses for learning this year!

Change our focus on the monthly newsletters to showcase student learning. November will focus on Kindergarten, December Primary and January Junior- then will repeat. We want this to be concise yet meaningful.

SCHEDULING Gym is open for classroom use as well as the computer lab and IPADS. We have safety protocols in place for the use of both to ensure everything is sanitary in between cohort use. Students are sanitizing and washing hands prior to and after using.

First successful practice fire drill last Thursday, October 8th. Classes exited by cohort using various doors and ensuring social distancing. We all met in the back yard to ensure all were accounted for. At this time due to COVID, we are not practicing lock downs, but teachers will be or have already reviewed the procedure for this.

ON THE RADAR

Individual School Photos – companies will begin to reach out to schools starting Oct 14th (Photos may take place between Oct 15th – Nov 26th or in the Spring). Asynchronous Learners will be given the option

Wear Blue/Yellow Day to show Tiger Spirit– October 16th

IEPs will come home -Friday, October 23rd

Child Protection and Youth and Care Day – October 27th

Spirit Weeks each Month – Starting with Halloween Week

Gr 1-6 Progress Reports will come Nov 7th

Kinder Progress Reports will come Nov 20th

South Branch is interested in purchasing one or two Water Bottle Filling Station. Is reaching out to council to advise. Question asked to SB Principle if Parent Council to advise of a role with purchase or not and to relay asap. Ideally, 2 options are offered to all schools around \$2000-\$2300 plus installation fee. First location directed would be at the front of the school by the gym to observe security of distancing among cohorts and visibility. Approval and installation TBD. **Concern of potable water at school questioned by parent/s. Reminder to parents that, as per Public Health protocol, water is testing DAILY at the school**

6. Treasurer's Report (Emily) Total \$ amount at present at \$15, 199.06. Waiting on confirmation of funds spent on latest play structure and its deduction.
7. Open Positions for School Council:
 - a. Vice-Chair-vacant
 - b. Fundraising Coordinator-at time of meeting position was vacant. At this time of writing the minutes, Katie O'Connor has taken on volunteer position of Fundraising Co.
8. Discussion Topics – Open for any issues parents would like to discuss (to be addressed now and future meetings)
 - a. Insurance Liability –waiting on email to confirm amount. Estimated around \$130
 - b. Online payment for fundraising activities-further research required to be able to provide continued support to school with no contact or monies exchanged in hand
 - c. Maple Syrup-CANCELLED
 - d. FlipGive (Melody)-Registration started for new year. Invitation code: DVSKP7
Begin advertising on fb with Amazon Prime days as first initiative. Discussion of ability to further advertise and educate use of app. Pro: non-contact form of fundraising. Con: user friendly? Ongoing promotion of use.
 - e. Mabel's Labels (Samantha)-Continues with onsite purchase using South Branch name
 - f. Consent Form for Media (Samantha)-concern on details to expand on what "consent" means from a home learning perspective. Advised further clarification from Principal and VP
 - g. Mathletics Lexia-purchased this year by Parent Council for 2-year term. Clarification that ½ is paid by school and ½ paid by Parent Council. Now updated.
 - h. Nutrition for Kids (N4K)-government funded and continues. Due to Covid, food items are individually wrapped for children or safe handling practices.
 - i. Winter clothing and other student needs-Christie to follow up on what is needed and advise of clothing needs for school for upcoming winter season.
 - j. Outdoor learning and activities-revisit at next meeting due to time constraint
 - k. Goals, plans, initiatives for the 2020-2021 school year-quickly advised to discuss fundraising goals to share with parents due to Covid and limited to no school access. Will revisit concerns and list at next meeting.
9. Adjournment of Meeting (Samantha) Adjournment and acceptance of meeting closure at 8:12pm by Samantha. Accepted by Melody and Emily.
10. Next meeting November 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Trustee Lisa Swan will be attending. Feel free to send in questions or concerns in advance.

Dates to Remember

Meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year. SBSC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during the school year. We meet at 6:00 p.m. online via TEAMS. Please add the dates to your calendar!

September 29th

February 9th

October 13th

March 9th

November 10th

April 13th

December 8th

May 11th

January 12th

June 8th

Please contact School Council Chair for more information at southbranchcouncil@gmail.com