

TERRY FOX PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2ND, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. via WebEx Virtual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Kara Trumbley-Novak, Ali Finley, Jody Warner, Rebecca Dowler, Taryn Pfautsch, Trish Baxter, Becky Worden, Veronica Parliament-Rayfield, Renee Mintz, Jaclyn Agueci, Jennifer Proos

REGRETS: Susan Watkin-Czychun

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (FEBRUARY 2ND, 2021):

Agenda for February 2nd – Approved by: Taryn Pfautsch 2nd: Becky Worden

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (DECEMBER 1ST, 2020):

Minutes from December 1st – Approved by: Jody Warner 2nd: Trish Baxter

INTRODUCTION TO KARA TRUMBLEY-NOVAK:

All members present introduced themselves to Kara. Kara introduced herself to members. She is new to KPR and feels very supported in her transition to Terry Fox Public School and Northumberland. She has been teaching 21 years and was an administrator with DDBS for 11 years. Welcome Kara!

PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT:

BACK TO SCHOOL – A big thank you to all students, parents, and staff for their work during the pivot to online and for a smooth transition back to in-class learning. New mask protocols have been implemented within our Board and masks are now mandatory for students Grade 1-8, as well as strongly encouraged for Kindergarten students.

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS – Report cards will be available on Edsby on February 19th. IEP's will be sent electronically on February 26th. When accessing reports on Edsby, it must be done on a desktop/laptop and will not be able to be accessed on a phone or tablet. Please contact the office should you experience difficulty.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN – We invite families to join us for a free, online Kindergarten Information Session to learn more about the Kindergarten program and for tips and tools to help prepare your child for school. Virtual Kindergarten Information Session will take place on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Registration can be done online at www.kprschoools.ca/kindergarten.

WELLNESS NIGHTS (PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANT) – C.R. Gummow is hosting a Parents Reaching Out Grant and has invited the Terry Fox Public School community to partner with them and participate in the upcoming events. C.R. Gummow Community Council applied for funding to offer a Wellness series for families. We hope as many families as possible from our school community will be able to participate virtually. Dates are February 10th, February 17th, and February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967193494>. The meeting room will open at 6:20 p.m. with the sessions beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. and lasting for no more than 1 hour. The workshops are designed for all members of a family, from children to adults. Presenter for the events is Francesca Bonta from Karma Lifestyle Yoga: Advanced Yoga Teacher and Mindfulness Based Stress & Pain Management expert. There is no need to RSVP, simply click on the link to join. If parents would like to connect with Kristina Mairin, the Public Health Nurse with any questions, please contact her at (866)888-4577. Sessions are as follows: *February 10* – Gentle yoga movement and stretches for relaxation to help restore your mind and body. *February 17* – Practical ways to use mindfulness every day to relieve stress and anxiety. *February 24* – Breathing techniques and easy meditation to ease anxiety and promote clarity in the mind.

STAFF RECOGNITION – Two staff members have been recognized for their contributions to Mental Health by KPR for Bell Let's Talk Day. *Tracey Doidge* – She took the initiative last year to paint our sensory room to make it look more inviting and positive for the students that use that room. Last March, when we had to adapt to online learning, she wanted to create a support page in Edsby for our support staff and also made herself available to students who needed someone to talk to or listen to them as they adjusted to our new school day. *Rhonda Hobart* – She will go out of her way to advocate for anyone to ensure they obtain what they need for their mental health. Positivity pours from Rhonda and she is always open to team up in order to add cheer or help with a project in the school. Rhonda jumped on board to help support staff connect and brainstorm ways to support students during the pandemic. Renee to add these accolades to social media platforms.

IMPORTANT DATES – Random Acts of Kindness Day is on February 17th. Pink Shirt Day is on February 24th. Grade 8 Grad Photos are currently scheduled for February 10th. Parents expressed concerns due to the continued pandemic lockdown in affect, so parents are unable to get out to get haircuts for students, etc. Ali to look into contacting Edge Imaging about a possible reschedule. The school is still waiting on direction regarding graduation celebrations.

BREKAFAST CLUB – Northumberland Promise volunteers continue to support Terry Fox weekly, creating breakfast 'Grab & Go' bags, should students require extra food throughout the day or upon arrival. Bags are individually packaged as per COVID-19 protocols by volunteers and available to students.

TRESURER'S REPORT:

The current balance is \$5654.85. Purdy's Chocolates profit was not reflected in the account at this time but will be reflected in next month's statement, as well as Terry Fox Spirit Wear and Purdy's prizes for Edsby the various engagement polls.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:

Renee looking for support with ideas to keep the 'Terry Fox Public School' Facebook page fresh and inviting. Some ideas from members included: Kindness Month, Black History Month, updated masking information, C.R. Gummow Wellness Night advertising, this or that engagement posts, community-wide events for families, etc. Renee to follow KPRDSB on Facebook as well to share Board-wide events and obtain proper wording for information sharing. All members are asked to e-mail Renee should they wish to add something to the school Facebook page. Trish is regularly updating the 'Parents of Terry Fox' Facebook page to reach all audiences.

FUNDRAISING/SCHOOL SUPPORT UPDATE:

LITTLE CAESARS – Taryn has connected with the Little Caesars representative and the plan is to coordinate for a pre-March Break fundraiser. All COVID-19 protocols will be taken while adhering to Board-wide policies as well. Looking to find out what the contactless options are and should have more information by the end of the week to get fundraiser underway ASAP.

PURDY'S – Susan sent her regrets, but Jody will reach out to her to find out about the possibility of keeping Purdy's open as a year-round fundraising opportunity for the school and will also connect about the plan for Easter chocolate campaign.

SHORTBREAD CO. – Renee inquired to the company and will send out details to members to consider as a potential fundraising opportunity for Terry Fox Public School in late-Spring or possible end of year fundraiser.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

SCHOOL SPIRIT & AFTER-SCHOOL CONNECTIONS – Jennifer to look into the possibility of a Netflix Party/Pizza Night as a COVID-19 friendly way to reconnect students outside of school. Jennifer will e-mail details when obtained and inquire about licensing. This would be an at-home event, not hosted on school property.

LOCAL SUPPORT – Taryn to inquire to local restaurants about arranging a special Terry Fox Night and menu ordering option to directly benefit the school. Profits would be based on sales and hosted on a specific night (TBD). Will have information for next meeting date to share with members.

GRAD PHOTOS – Members requested to have the February 10th date changed with Edge Imaging due to current lockdown of community businesses. If possible, we would like to wait until after restrictions are lifted. Ali to contact Edge Imaging to look into an alternate date for Grad Photos.

LIBRARY UPGRADES – Veronica has requested consideration to have a portion of fundraising profits be put toward library upgrades. The library is in need of new seating as the current seating is worn and torn, as well as additional tables and flexible seating. Must be purchased through Board-approved locations (Scholastic, Wintergreen, etc.) but will inquire about purchasing through local furniture businesses if permitted. Veronica to compile an itemized list based on priority and provide pricing for next meeting to discuss further. Membership seemed on-board to allocate funds to library upgrades, as the need is evident. Ali and Kara will also look into accessing Terry Fox funds as well to offset costs solely coming from SCC.

FUTURE MEETING DATES – Terry Fox Community Council plans to host meetings the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings have been scheduled until January and we will re-evaluate if we should continue to meet on a monthly basis or bi-monthly basis. At this time, membership feels as though continuing meeting monthly will be beneficial to address school-wide business as it arises.

The next Terry Fox Community Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 via WebEx Virtual Meeting.

Meeting of Terry Fox Community Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.