

**MINUTES FROM HH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2021 (approved 12/16/21)**

A meeting of the Happy Hollow School School Council was held remotely at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Present and participating remotely were:

Tricia O'Reilly (School Principal)
Danielle Silverman (Parent Representative)
Mike Andrews (Parent Representative)
Meghan Parpos(Parent Representative)
JoAnn Kline (Staff Representative)
Deb Dowd (Staff Representative)
Nan Jahnke (Community Representative)

Absent were:

No absences

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was recorded on Zoom and available for viewing by request. Please contact principal Tricia O'Reilly to request the recording Tricia_OReilly@waylandps.org. The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation.

1. Tricia called the meeting to order and roll call was taken:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Tricia O'Reilly (School Principal)	X	
Nan Jahnke (Community Representative)	X	
Danielle Silverman (Parent Representative)	X	
Mike Andrews (Parent Representative)	X	
Meghan Parpos(Parent Representative)	X (arrived after roll call)	
JoAnn Kline (Staff Representative)	X	
Deb Dowd (Staff Representative)	X	

2. Public comment. There was no public comment today.

3. Approval of minutes from March 15, 2021 meeting. Tricia had sent the minutes to school council members via email. Mike moved to approve the minutes; Deb Dowd seconded. Tricia did a second roll call to approve the minutes and each member present approved them.

4. Tricia updated the group on all-in. Feels like having the beginning of school and end of school year overlaid. Things have gone well, despite some logistical challenges (e.g. traffic patterns). Lots of children walking and biking to school. We do expect buses back next year. Biggest challenge is balancing feeling of “back to normal” with ongoing safety precautions. Discussion of benefits and challenges of all-in. Tension in larger community with different levels of comfort with playdates etc...Parents’ perspective that kids are thrilled to be back five days a week. Question about using the fields at recess, which Tricia explained. Reality is that there are more kids sharing less space.

5. End-of-year activities: trying to work through what traditions we can keep, albeit altered or modified, and what we cannot do. Some will be recorded so that parents can participate that way. Working on ways to make things exciting but still within our safety protocols. Meghan shares that her K son’s room parents organized a meet up and it was great (we had talked in a previous meeting about ways to foster community during the pandemic). We will most likely continue to alter events until the children are vaccinated. Some space and personnel additions anticipated for next year. As of now expecting enrollment to be 385 in the fall. Nan advises, “Under promise and over deliver”. Meghan asks how parents can help advocate. Tricia responds that in general helping other parents understand the reasons why/how space is such an issue is helpful.

6. Tricia sent us the handbooks because she would love this group to help revise them next year.

7. Unanticipated topics. No unanticipated topics.

8. Nan moves to adjourn. Mike seconds. We all agree.

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Adjournment.