**Shatford Home & School Meeting**

**September 29, 2020 – 6:30-8:00 pm - via Zoom**

Attendees: Morgan Giffin (Co-Chair), JoAnn Hare (Co-Chair), Courtenay Murdoch, Paula Brigley, Sarah Wile, Shaina Falcone, Amy Middleton, Debbie Malaidack, Laila Riebetz, Kendra Axhorn, Sarah Hare

**Principal’s Report**

* Sarah W. is very impressed with how staff and students are adapting to the new Covid-19 protocols
* There are quite a few new staff this year: Shawna Penny (Grade 3-4 teacher), Robin Hassler (Grade 5-6 teacher for one year); Elayne Hoyeck and Robyn Nelson (Pre-Primary teachers); Nicole Shore (Secretary for one year); Margo Maclean (Custodian); Jen Williams (guidance)
* 93 students are enrolled this year
* No fundraising will be done this year because they involve either in-person events or handling food
* The Terry Fox run went well and raised $250, including $50 donation from Black Point Fire Hall
* Outdoor spaces were cleaned up before school started
* Outdoor classrooms were created out of rocks and wooden benches and stumps. Thank you to Sarah Wile and her husband for creating the wooden classroom
* There are new painted games on the pavement, and there are plans to make outdoor chalkboards
* Renos have been done in the library with funding from the SAC. The dory is now a bench seat with bookshelves. A closet was made into a barstool café. Flexible seating was purchased.
* No trips are allowed to be scheduled, and outdoor visitors to school are being minimized
* School pictures will go ahead, with Covid-19 protocols. There will be no class pictures.
* The junior (wood) playground will be replaced next year because it is expiring. Sarah W. has been working with HRM on these plans, and is going to ask about ensuring playground is accessible
* Basketball backboard is cracked. Sarah received a quote of $1000 to replace it. It is only a year old so may be under warranty. Sarah is looking into it.
* Water accumulation between basketball court and side door is a safety hazard, as it freezes in winter. HRM is addressing this.
* Trail between school and Rails to Trais has washed out on hill and bridge is damaged and needs to be replaced. HRM confirmed they are not responsible for maintenance, since the trail was created by the Home & School.
  + **Action:** Morgan will connect with SMB Rails to Trails Association to ask if they will contribute to this maintenance
  + **Action:** Courtney will ask Danny, Sarah will ask Steve, and Sarah will ask Gord – if they will be willing to meet assess what needs to be done to fix the trail and bridge. Once we have this information, the H&S will determine next steps

**New Business**

* There is interest in re-establishing some flower and vegetable gardens, have the students do this work and parents maintain them over the summer.
* The garden beds in front and back of the school need to be dug out and prepped for planting.
* **Action:** Jo and Sarah W. will set up times to get some parents together to do this work