

Agincourt Road School Council

Meeting Minutes

17 November 2020

Present:

- Chairperson: Michael Davie
- Vice Chairperson: Mary Sheffer
- Treasurer: Melissa Muysson
- Communications Coordinator: Genna McBain
- Events Coordinator: Amy Hebert
- OCASC Representative: Michelle Berry
- Lunch Programs: Erin Sallie
- Principal: Carmen MacKay
- Vice Principal: Courtney O'Halloran
- Teacher Representative: Wendy Carter
- Support Staff Representative: Randy Beer
- Parent: Chris Wilson
- Parent: Lisa Rosen
- Parent: Sarah Mitchelson
- Parent : Kim Meegs

Next meeting: 19 January 2021, 7:00pm

1. Introduction, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

2. School Representative Reports

a. Principal

- Report cards are available Nov 20th.
- Parent teacher interviews are Nov 26th, 4:30- 7pm.
- Food Drive being planned for Nov 30th – Dec 11th (specific preparations will be taken and guidance will be distributed to families).
- Carmen is working with the Principal at neighboring school: Pinecrest PS, to determine needs that Agincourt School Council can assist with.

b. Vice Principal

- All fire safety compliance is completed for 2020, more training will be conducted in Spring 2021.
- Hooks and lockers are being arranged for students to accommodate winter clothing.
- Spirit Days have been decided on by the teachers with consideration given to cultural awareness, and materials required to participate. The information will be distributed to parents.

- The indoor gym will be used more often to accommodate the students during Winter. Teachers are required to sanitize the equipment after their class has used it.
 - Grades 7/8 will have a Virtual Assembly on Dec 11th, the topic is: Inclusivity
 - Teachers are starting a Book Club, first read will be: “The Skin We’re In” authored by Desmond Cole.
 - Student Council: the in-school supervision required for virtual participation is not currently available. Efforts will be made to include student voice in School Council in the future.
- c. Teacher Representative
- Teachers are appreciative of approved requests for in-class supports.
 - All requests as presented for 2020/2021- approved.
- d. Support Staff Representative
- Cleaning is going well, no issues to report.

3. School Council Executive Reports

- a. Chairperson
- No new items.
- b. Vice Chairperson
- Would like to create school mascot design items (ex: stickers, pencils, water bottles, banners of green/purple puma mascot design). Carmen will investigate design from last Spring that was started.
- c. Treasurer
- Will confirm signing authority changes.
- d. OSASC Representative
- General consensus is to decrease fundraising activities during the Pandemic, and direct efforts at increasing a sense of community.
 - Attended meeting and received ideas for potential events, shared info with Communications Coordinator.
- e. Communications/Events Coordinator
- The monthly newsletter was created and distributed.
 - The online space has been updated thanks to School Administration, and includes current information, minutes, resources, etc.:
https://agincourtps.ocdsb.ca/school_council
 - A sub-committee is being created for the Outdoor School Space. Approximately \$22 000 available from playground project is available for the Outdoor School Space. The sub-committee can move forward with information gathering and proposal ideas. It will be essential to have teacher’s input and involvement.

- Possible future events: Scavenger Hunt, Walk-a-Thon, Read-a-Thon, Scholastic Book Fair, Virtual Bingo Night.

4. General Discussion

- Request for up to \$1000 (distributed in \$100 Walmart gift cards) for school families in need of celebrating in December approved.
- December meeting cancelled due to holiday.

Minutes prepared by:

Mary Sheffer
School Council Vice Chairperson
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