

Agincourt Road School Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021 7.00pm

Present:

Kim Meegan - Chairperson
Carmen Mackay - Principal
Courtney O'Halloran - Vice Principal
Wendy Carter - Teacher representative
Melissa Muysson - Treasurer
Yinka Ademuyiwa - Secretary
Randy Beer - Support Staff Representative
Amy Herbert
Genna McBain
Lindsay Stewart
Genna McBain
Sarah Mitchelson
Mandy & Gene Seto

Regrets: ?

Next meeting: 11 January,2022. 7:00pm

1. Call to order
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes.
4. Representative reports

Principal's report

- Progress reports sent home Nov 4
- Parent teacher interviews were completed on November 10 and 12. Parents who missed these dates are encouraged to reach out to homeroom teacher or call school office to schedule interview.
- All classes participated in the OCDSB Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November and some parents joined online.
- Some secondary schools opening up for community events. Elementary schools may commence early 2022. Parents will be updated.

- New staff for Grade 4 Math. Two Designated Occasional Teachers (DOTs) who also support other schools. New Grade 8 teacher as former Grade 8 teacher is now city councillor.
- Question about school photos: Principal responded that priority currently is for Grade 12 Graduation pictures and not elementary schools due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Staff member Carlette is back part-time in the school office.

Vice Principal's report

- Intermediate students participated in competition
- IB event invite sent out to Grade 8 parents
- Transgender Day of Remembrance is Nov 18. All welcome to participate. More information on website
- November 20. First spirit day for staff and students. Theme is rainbow colours
- Holiday food drive in December to follow COVID 19 safety protocols. More information will be provided.
- Reminder for parents/students to complete daily self assessment for COVID symptoms.
- Lockers now available for higher grades. Grades 1 and 2 provided with hooks.
- Math competition for Grades 7 & 8. 23 students indicated interest. Competition is for 90 minutes on Thurs Nov 18. School is covering participation fees.
- As a leadership activity, Grades 7 & 8 will assist in writing announcements for significant dates such as cultural awareness days.

Teacher Representative's report

- Je Lis has been renewed.
- Nothing else to report

Support Staff Representative's report

- Students have access to their lockers from November 17

Chairperson's report

- Stakeholders have till November 30 to submit comments on "Appropriate Use of Technology"

- Suggested donations from school council to Copeland Belair Facebook Group/ Woodroffe High School clothing drive
- Suggested Winter Clothing Drive in Agincourt school to support families who need them. Amount to be pre-approved from school council budget.
- Christmas gifts for families who may need the support
- OCAS report
 - Use of technology
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Parent involvement committee

Treasurer's report

- Payment for Je Lis has been made
- Approximately \$10,000 left
- \$500 set aside for student council. Student council currently not active due to COVID
- \$500 set aside for garden upkeep.
- Regarding garden upkeep. Volunteer coordinator explained that besides OCDSB's commitment to mowing the lawns, the school community is responsible for taking care of all other aspects of gardening.
- \$500 for gifts cards for families
- \$800 for snow suits
- Volunteer coordinator suggested used items Facebook page as school council's page or on a neighbourhood Facebook page

Purchaser's report

- More information on fundraiser to come
- Parents suggested more balls for recess and skipping ropes
- Chairperson asked about winter toys. Principal responded that there were discussions around the logistics of these and some safety concerns
- Winter toys to be discussed and considered at next meeting.

Events / Volunteer Coordinator's report

- Discussed with Principal and Vice Principal. School merch will be a joint effort between the school and the school council, not from a fundraiser
- Spark Plug Coffee fundraiser to begin Nov 17. Proceeds from coffee sales to go to the school

- Outdoor classroom proposal presented
- City grants

4. General Discussion

- Meeting invite not sent to all parents, in order to limit attendance to verified Agincourt parents. They can request to be sent the link.
- No student council this year due to logistical difficulties

Communications

- Newsletter via School Messenger, also on school website

Outdoor Classroom Committee

- Aiming to raise money this year for installation in summer 2022
- Alison Bell is leading
- Fundraising ideas
- Consumable: Equator coffee / Purdy's chocolate, potentially for Christmas
- Walk-a-thon during gym time, or families at home
- School swag

5. Events

- Staff appreciation
- Could we repeat coffee truck during fall
- Visitors would require vaccination

OCASC

- Next meeting is on the 11th of January, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8.14pm