

## **Agincourt Road School Council Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2022

Present:

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

Regrets:

Yinka Ademuyiwa - Secretary

Next meeting: February 15, 2022 7.00pm

1. Call to order
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Representative reports

### **Principal's Report**

- Report cards Feb 16 electronically.
- Feb 25 Individual Education Plans will be sent home electronically.
- Feb 22 Toonie Tuesday. Cash Online will be available for donations. To be communicated to parents. Will also accept cash donations. Opportunity for business owners that may wish to donate.
- Jan 21 PA Day. School will be closed. Extended Day Program will be running (for registered children).
- Jan 25 6-7pm Kindergarten information evening. Information available on website.
- Jan 12 photo day was cancelled. Not yet rescheduled (board staff only allowed in building). Grade 8 leaving ceremony photos still tentatively scheduled for Feb 2.

- OCV individual photos appointments will be given out individually and after 3pm.
- Acknowledge that some have elected to keep kids home. Office staff would appreciate knowing these plans and timelines. Parents asked to write an email to [againstudentabsence@ocdsb.ca](mailto:againstudentabsence@ocdsb.ca) with this information.
- Ottawa Safety Council reached out to look for another crossing guard volunteer. Apply to website in message.
- Families requesting student transfer application period Jan 31-Feb 11. Will be considered and responded to. After Feb 11, will not be considered until June or September review.
- Today each student will have received 2 masks from the Ministry. 3-ply masks need to be washed before being worn. An option for parents.
- Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) have not arrived yet. Once they arrive, they will need to be organized, which will take some time. 2 per child.
- School closure potential. Staff absences will occur and will be short staffed. Families will need to be prepared for this possibility. Message by 8pm and not before 6am. If children show up to school in this situation, they will be sent home. Will be working hard to keep classes open.
- Info item. 2 years ago school board took lead on course “sexual abuse prevention program” for all staff. Ontario College of Teachers now requiring all college members complete the course again. Will be a refresher for OCDSB. All educators in the province have until August to complete the training.
- Q: Kinder night in person/virtual? How can school council be included?
- A: Will be a Google Meet. Could send information afterwards. There is a set slide deck to ensure consistency of information across the city. Could put link into a chat regarding school council information rather than sending to all email addresses. Kim to work with Erin on distribution. Feedback provided last year regarding “unfriendly” and one-way meeting. Will be improved this year. Note hour limit.

#### Vice Principal

- Chromebooks were deployed during online learning. Collecting devices now. Will be left for 72 hours and cleaned before being reassigned into classes. Will take some time. Technician comes in once a week for a couple of hours. Estimate 2 weeks to redistribute. Agincourt had lent out some Chromebooks to Pinecrest.
- Q: If students need to be home for an extended period of time will they get a Chromebook? A: Likely possible for isolation, but not where parents are electing to keep students home. Challenge with family being in isolation and not being able to pick up a device.
- Masking and handwashing. Protocols discussed at all staff meetings. All employees have option of N95 mask (provided). Blue medical masks also

an option provided. Recommended to wear 2 blue medical masks to ensure a good fit.

- Daily assessment screening tool. Now the Ontario screening tool. All employees and students are required to complete before coming to school each morning. Office staff facilitating. Appreciate diligence of families.
- Information shared re: grade 8 welcome nights for students going to high school. Namely Woodroffe and Nepean feeder schools. Information nights for each school. Grade 8s will make course selections in February. Q&A sessions will
- OSTCA bus cancellations. More anticipated. Some routes may not have a driver. Ottawa School Bus.ca or OSTA on Twitter.
- Friday Jan 28 will be spirit day – Jersey or sport day.

#### Teacher Rep

- OCDSB purchased licenses to online reading program to supplement reading in targeted students (needing extra support). Level 1 intervention. Lexia. 2 types of licenses: Core 5 – K-Gr and Power up – 6-8 (limited number). Does not replace Raz Kids (up for renewal in March). Targeted intervention program. Launched with some kids this week. In English only

#### Support Staff Rep

- no reports.

#### Chair

- Approval of Minutes. Approved.
- Parent Involvement. PRO grant not an option this year, but maybe we can explore an option for parent engagement re: stresses of adjusting and mental wellness. Helping kids at home with anxiety etc. To be discussed at future meeting for a session in the Spring

#### Vice Chair

- no report

#### Treasurer

- Donation to Woodroffe for Keep Kids Warm Campaign
- \$11,000 available for teachers and staff at this point.

#### Communications

- Message re: potential to put COVID contact tracing on council website or Facebook. Some parents have started their own reporting system on Facebook. Principal waiting for a response re: potential for council involvement, but school cannot be a part of it. If not possible, Copeland Park and Belair Park Facebook pages could be an alternate.
- Q: What should be put up on Facebook? A: No official guidance, but could include double exposure to information put out by the school. E.g. spirit days. Redirect to school cancellation resources. Events. Fun facts.

#### Events/Volunteer Coordinator

- Coffee Fundraiser. 120 orders, 230 bags of coffee. Raised \$1,320.00 despite COVID challenges. Great support from the company.
- Virtual Paint Night fundraiser still being explored. Pop Up Painters option. Option with Miss Doig who is willing to do this for older students. End Feb early March option. All virtual. Pay a \$10 fee, get your supplies, go online and do painting. Payment to be determined. More information to follow.
- Spring maple syrup fundraiser. Same model as coffee.
- Spring or early Summer Walkathon.
- Potential proceeds between outdoor classroom and council.
- Outdoor classroom fund current funds: \$22,709.98. Applied to TD Grant. Reached out to board and there are no costing impacts expected for outdoor classroom supplies.
- Spirit wear to be revisited after report cards. Teachers interested in helping make it happen.
- Parent Involvement – last year’s mental health speaker was excellent and was a manageable cost. Also potential to have Paul Davis return for cyber security.
- OCASC Rep
- PIC vs. OCASC
- OCASC meeting last Thursday of the months
- Next meeting February

Minutes to taken by Amy Herbert