

Agincourt Road School Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022 7.00pm

Present:

Amy Herbert - Acting as Chairperson
Carmen Mackay - Principal
Courtney O'Halloran - Vice Principal
Wendy Carter - Staff representative
Melissa Muysson - Treasurer
Yinka Ademuyiwa - Secretary
Randy Beer - Support Staff Representative
Genna McBain - Events
Mandy & Gene Seto

Regrets:

Kim Meegan - Chairperson

Next meeting: March 22, 2022. 7:00pm

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

Some members informed the council that they were unable to access the Dropbox. It was agreed that minutes should be attached to the email from the secretary while uploading to Dropbox.

4. Representative reports

Principal's report

- School photos have been approved by school board. In the order of priority; Grade 12, Grade 8, then Grade 6. Dates to be determined.
- Deb Anderson, library technician, is working on the details for the virtual Scholastic book fair from March 11 to March 14. Messages will be sent to families.
- On February 16, report cards will be accessible in the afternoon. Emails will be sent out to families reminding them that OEN will be required to view the report cards.

- Update on spirit wear. Supplier has had issues getting supplies. Should be ready before March break. Purple toques are currently not in stock. May need to contact other companies if supply chain issues persist.
- Neighbours have complained that parents park in front of their drive ways.
- No dogs allowed on school property. People need to be made aware of this.
- Response time to emails has slowed down due to staff shortages. Parents to be made aware of this
- School council to pick speakers for Select The Speaker series. \$500

Vice Principal's report

- Friendship day was celebrated on February 14 and students and staff dressed in pink, red and white
- February 22 is Toonie Tuesday. Donations can be sent via Cash Online or in plastic bags through the teachers.
- February 23 is Pink Shirt Day. Staff and students are invited to wear pink shirts to take a stance against bullying.
- February 25: Last Friday of the month is themed. Colours of the World. Staff and students are invited to wear colours to represent a country or city that they identify with.
- In the past few weeks staff and students have engaged in a lot of learning, discussions and dialogue around Black History Month. Teachers have been raising awareness about black history and how it relates to Canada. Staff also read the Advisory on Anti-Black Racism and how to protect staff and students from racism.
- The snow hills close to the parking lot are causing some difficulty as many students are climbing and running down them posing a challenge to bus drivers and staff in the parking lot. Also, some parents are using the staff parking lot. This is dangerous and worrisome. Reminders to be sent on the Facebook page.
- There have been complaint from members of the community, particularly seniors, that students, while walking home in groups, are walking through peoples yards and not staying on the sidewalks.
- Grade 8 course selection commences on February 14 and closes on March 4. Students are to select courses to be taken in their home schools for Grade 9.
- All students received two Rapid Antigen Tests a few weeks back. More tests will be given out as needed as supply is limited. The ministry decided the quantity that schools receive.

Staff Representative's report

- 13 of 15 teachers would like to renew RAZ Kids at the rate of \$125 per year. The app works for English and French. Chair raised a motion to approve the total amount of \$1625

Support Staff Representative's report

- Emergency Enhance Cleaning is still in place. Washrooms desks and all touch points are cleaned twice a day. Night staff also disinfect surfaces.

Chairperson's report

- OCASC update. Last meeting was about appropriate wearing of masks
- Gardening budget \$500
- Looking for a representative to attend next OCASC meeting

Treasurer's report

- Approximately \$9000 is available
- Nothing else to report

Secretary's report

- Commended the effort of teachers and administrative staff in responding to parents and providing support in spite of the pandemic and staff shortages.

Events / Volunteer Coordinator's report

- Nothing report on outdoor classroom
- Paint Night is on March 2 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Coordinated by Pop Up Painters. Grade 7 & 8 will work with Miss Doig.
- Starting to organize Year End Barbecue.

Communications

- Working on some communication about cash online
- Hoping to work with some other parents on Grade 8 leaving ceremony depending on approval from school board.

Topics for next meeting

- Gardening
 - Communication
 - Art
 - Follow up on event updates
 - Coffee truck for staff
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- Next meeting is on the 11th of January,2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8.14pm