

Agincourt Road Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2023

Present:

School Council

- Kim Meegan – Chairperson
- Amy Herbert – Vice Chairperson
- Melissa Muysson – Treasurer
- Marcie Wilson – Secretary
- Sarah Mitchelson – Assistant Events Coordinator
- Erin Sallie – Communications and Pizza Coordinator

Parents

- Veronika Burda
- Karen Fong
- Stephen Harrod

School Representatives

- Carmen Mackay – School Principal
- Sanja Vujinovic – School Vice Principal
- Randy Beer – Support Staff Representative
- Wendy Carter – Teacher Representative

Regrets

- Genna McBain – Events and Volunteer Coordinator

07:04 Land Acknowledgement

07:05 Principal's Report

- Happy Family Day weekend!
- Report cards went out last Wednesday. Parents wishing to follow up can contact teachers directly
- IEPs will go out March 1st for those with IEPs
- Movie Night was great fun, with some lessons learned for next time
- Twoonie Tuesday today and Dance-a-thon last week
 - o Everyone had fun at dancing and enjoyed the new lighting system
 - o The Executive Director of the Education Foundation visited the school to share with students the reasons for Twoonie Tuesday and answer questions. They then joined in the fun at the Dance-a-thon
- Kindergarten information night on Jan. 31 was well attended. The kindergarten open house is planned for May. Invites will be sent out in April to families that are registered with the school.

- Outdoor classroom update: funding has been finalized and Facilities staff have visited the school to confirm the outdoor classroom location. We're hoping for July start date for construction.
- Gymnastics proposal: Carmen contacted the OCDSB physical literacy coach for advice and information regarding liability insurance. Carmen has determined that a gymnastics event would not work in school environment due to risk & waivers and has declined this activity for this year.
- Some classes have arranged field trips. Teachers are welcome to apply for field trips and encouraged to contact School Council if funding is needed.
- Volleyball nets & poles and are being ordered.

07:18 Vice Principal's Report

- Agincourt website is up to date with events

Grade 7/8 Update:

- Grade 9 course selections are due Friday, February 24th
- Pathway to Exploration applications were due today, all students and families were notified of the results
 - o Registration and payment due Thursday, March 2nd
 - o Agincourt will be requesting additional spaces this week
- Mental Health workshops: "Wellness 101" and "Stress Less" organized for Intermediate students
- Grade 7s had their first workshop for "Youth Active Media" with Youth Ottawa, will be working on film activities in class, the two filmmaker presenters will return to teach them how to edit videos

Extra-Curriculars:

- New: Puzzle Club (Grades 1-6)
- Existing: Improv Club, Games Club, Bordenball Teams and Intramurals
- Upcoming: Spring Choir for Primary/Junior students

Agincourt Events:

- February: Black History Month (Daily announcements honouring achievements of notable Black Canadians, display at front of school, Get REAL! Anti-Black racism workshop for Grades 6-8 on Jan 25)
- Feb 14: Friendship Day (Red, white, pink), Student Council organized kind messages to be given to all students by teachers that day
- Feb 15: Grade 8 Course Selections begin
- Feb 16: Dance-a-Thon
- Feb 17: PA Day (School Closed)
- Feb 20: Family Day (School Closed)
- Feb 21: Pathway to Exploration applications due (Grade 8)
- Feb 21: Toonie Tuesday
- Feb 22: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 23: Girls Borden Ball Tournament
- Feb 28: Boys Borden Ball Tournament
- March 2: Pathway to Exploration registration and payment due
- March 6: "Stress Less" Workshop (Grade 7/8)

- March 7: MacSkimming Trip (Grade 7)

07:24 Teacher Representative's Report

- No teacher requests currently
- Reading A-Z and Je lis will be expiring soon. Expect requests to come through soon. Clarification needed if OCDSB will be contributing to either program

07:27 Custodial Report

- Nothing to report

07:28 Chair's Report

- We did not apply for the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant this year as we have received funds from the Parent Involvement grant
- Suggestions requested from parents and school community for ideas to direct the Parent Involvement grant funds, e.g., presentation topics.
 - o Carmen has observed evidence of higher levels of dis-regulation in amongst student populations across the province, and higher levels of anxiety in the general population. Amy and Kim will look for resources on this subject.

07:34 Vice-Chair's Report

- Logo update: currently playing with text layouts then to proceed to shirt mock-ups. Hopefully options will be ready in next month or two.

07:37 Treasurer's Report

- \$15,000 currently available after funds for Outdoor Classroom removed. School Council is looking for suggestions or requests. Ideas brainstormed within the meeting included:
 - o Contacting our sister school (Pinecrest) to see if they have any requests, such as sports equipment or a pizza day, or if there are other ways we can support their school council
 - o A mascot suit to match the new logo

07:41 Communications and Pizza Report

- Next pizza term starts March 8th, registration ends this week. Support is available for families upon request.

07:43 Event Coordinator's Report

Completed events

- Movie night was successful, ideas for next year include:
 - o Adjusting the timing of the event outside of snowy season to reduce mess in hallways (e.g., winter gear and snowy boots)
 - o Reminding families not to bring food or drink from outside.
 - o Having a hall monitor was helpful.

- Dance-a-thon was a success and the DJ was great. The event was even attended by a representative of the Education Foundation. Big thanks goes out to Randy, Sarah and the parent volunteers that helped with this event
- Outdoor classroom is approved and location finalized.
 - o Greening grants application (for trees around classroom) will be pursued next year after the outdoor classroom is built.

Future events

- Book sale (Apr. 24-28): volunteer sub-committee meeting had to be postponed. New meeting time will be communicated. Needs to happen in advance of next School Council meeting.
 - o volunteer and book request blast to come out later

07:50 Meeting adjourned, next meeting is scheduled for March 21.