

Agincourt Road Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2023

Present:

School Council

- Kim Meegan – Chairperson
- Amy Herbert – Vice Chairperson
- Marcie Wilson – Secretary
- Genna McBain – Events and Volunteer Coordinator
- Erin Sallie – Communications and Pizza Coordinator

Parents

- Veronika Burda
- Karen Fong
- Malaika Joseph

School Representatives

- Carmen Mackay – School Principal
- Sanja Vujinovic – School Vice Principal
- Wendy Carter – Teacher Representative

Regrets

- (Position not yet filled) – Support Staff Representative
- Melissa Muysson – Treasurer
- Sarah Mitchelson – Assistant Events Coordinator

07:07 Land Acknowledgement

07:08 Approve Minutes from March meeting

07:09 Principal's Report

- This month the school receives its student and staffing projections for the 2023-2024 school year. Staffing has begun and is ongoing.
 - o April - offering tentative teaching assignments
 - o May – allocate ECEs
 - o School re-staffing can include Principals and Vice-Principals
- EQAO standardized testing: dates will be determined soon
 - o Grade 3 and 6 families will receive info on standardized testing after date is selected
- Education Week is planned for May 1-5
 - o Activities planned for May 4th including (more details to come)
 - Parent volunteer breakfast 7:30-8:15, childcare provided
 - Parent open house 8:30-9:30

- School lessons resume at 9:30
 - Kinder Welcome Night 6-7pm (time tentative)
 - GENNA** to provide school council banner
- Talent show May 15
 - Parents of participating students will be invited in the afternoon
 - Photography & videography is not permitted
 - More details to come
- Grade 8 leaving Ceremony
 - Date not set
 - Committee meeting date will be set next month
- Last year's Grade 8 composites have all been delivered
- This year's Grade 8 composite is in progress
- End of year Barbeque date must be moved, new date is Tuesday June 6
- Sister school Pinecrest has just submitted request for funding for play gear, additional details to come tomorrow
 - School Council approves requests up to \$700
- Kindergarten funding requests that School is not able to cover:
 - Picnic table \$1,000
 - Outdoor blocks \$300
 - Ship play structure \$3,800 or Tractor play structure \$3,700
 - Ship preferred out of all of the above
 - To be discussed at next meeting

07:18 Vice Principal's Report

- Important Events in April/May:
 - April is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month: The theme this year is "Everyone Belongs; supporting inclusion and well being". The goal of the month's focus and throughout the year is to raise awareness and acceptance about autism, build on inclusive practices and support student well-being. The symbol chosen to represent autism awareness is a butterfly, you can see a unique display at the front of the school. There have been various activities done in classrooms.
 - April 12th was International Day of Pink - this event takes place each year on the second Wednesday in April. It is an opportunity to stand up to bullying and show support for equality and acceptance for 2SLGBTQ+ people.
 - April 28th is the next Spirit Day - Pattern Day
 - April 30th is the Orientation for "Pathway to Exploration" at the University of Ottawa or Carleton University (information coming soon from universities)
 - May 1-5: Planned activities for Grade 8s not attending "Pathway to Exploration"
 - May 12: Intermediate Spring Dance
 - May 15: Talent Show
 - May 25/26: Vaccination Clinic (Second dose of Meningitis, Hep B, HPV)
- Extra-Curricular Update:
 - Talent Show auditions have started this month
 - Intermediate Basketball Team Tournaments this week

- Junior Boys and Girls Soccer Tournaments in May
- Play Date organized by a Committee of Grade 8 students for June
- Primary and Junior Choir performance date coming soon
- Faith Days in April/May:
 - April 14: Holy Friday (Orthodox) and Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
 - April 16: Orthodox Easter
 - April 21: Eid-al-Fitr (Islam) and Ridvan (Baha'i)
 - May 5: Wesak/Vesak (Buddhism)

07:30 Teacher Representative's Report

- Funding requests for end of year field trips (including HST):
 - Gr. 6 to Museum of Nature: funding for two buses \$583.10
 - Gr. 8 to MacSkimming: funding for buses \$791.00
 - Gr. 8 to Diefenbunker Museum: funding for buses \$689.30
 - JK&SK to Experimental Farm: funding for 3 buses \$847.50
 - Total field trip request: \$2,910.90
 - Approved by Council

07:56 Chair's Report

- Additional funding suggestions:
 - gift cards for crossing guards (approved \$50 each),
 - bus drivers (7 buses plus 3 vans) (approved \$50 each) (driver appreciation month is June)
- Parent support lecturer has no availability for this school year, **KIM** to look at booking for fall
- Community members have expressed interest in volunteering to care for school gardens. **CARMEN** to look into liabilities and limitations (establish boundaries).

07:34 Vice-Chair's Report

- Logo update: discussed with Carmen
- Community posters about book sale will hopefully made

07:37 Treasurer's Report

- Total expenses and commitments is \$11,155.59
 - Outstanding commitments total \$5,827
 - Items already purchased for school this year total \$3,294.84
- Income this year totals \$10,219.69
- Including this year's opening balance, the total funds available are \$13,797.31

08:01 Event Coordinator's Report

Current Events

- Book sale (Apr. 24-28): insufficient volunteers signed up for the sale
 - May open to high school students for graduation hours
 - Boxes needed for the 24th (e.g., shallow fruit boxes)
 - Folding tables needed for the 24th (will be returned, please label with your name)

Future events

- End of year Barbeque June 6th
 - o Two food trucks are booked
 - o Considering activities such as: face painting, bubbles, chalk
 - o Parent DJ
- Staff appreciation lunch June 19th
 - o Will send a call out for parents to donate food closer to the date
 - o Can be supplemented with purchased platters
- Funding suggestion from parent: gift cards for all staff for end of year
 - o Requires more discussion (e.g., Maybe better to give at start of year? Who qualifies as staff?)

08:07 Meeting adjourned, next meeting is scheduled for May 16.