

**Sir Alexander Mackenzie Senior PS
School Advisory Council Meeting – via ZOOM
Tuesday April 6, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions – Ms. Morana
2. Principal Updates – Ms. Iacobucci & Mr. Valles
3. School Organization – Ms. Iacobucci
4. Grade 8 Graduation – Ms. Morana
5. Parent/Student Engagement – Family Night – Ms. Morana
6. Date of Next Meeting

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & Introductions

There were 8 participants, including Ms. Iacobucci, Mr. Valles, Bessie Morana [Chair], and in-person + virtual school parents. Minutes recorder – Linda Sumiya [co-secretary].

2. Principal Updates

A. Grade 8 Graduation – Mr. Valles

- A virtual ceremony will be held Monday 28 June @ 6:30.
- Planning has begun under the leadership of Mr. Valles.
- Feedback has been gathered from the students.
- Ms. Sheriton will be organizing 'something' – possibly a t-shirt.
- Parent suggestion – support local business if possible, acknowledging the fact that TDSB has some rules regarding vendors.

B. Transitions Grade 6 to 7 & Grade 8 to 9 – Mr. Valles

- Grade 8 to 9 – Mr. Valles has been in contact with the high school and a date to provide updates to the grade 8's will be shared once confirmed.
- Grade 6 to 7 – The annual orientation day for students will be between May 11-13. The annual orientation night for parents/guardians will be May 26 for French and May 27 for English.

C. Health & Safety – Ms. Iacobucci

- Teachers continue to review protocols with their students.
- SAM now has 2 water-filling stations. One is on the main floor and 1 is on the 2nd floor.
- There is now a HEPA filter for each classroom.
- Staff + students are maintaining lunch hour cohorts.
- Ms. Iacobucci thanked parents/guardians for completing the daily screening.

3. School Organization – Ms. Iacobucci

- Plans for 2021-2022 were shared, and changes explained.
 - Projected Enrolment 2021-2022 = 389
 - Teacher Allocation = 19
 - 5 English Classes
 - 3 French Immersion Classes
 - 2 Extended French Classes
 - 4 Late Extended French Classes
 - 0.5 Library, 2.5 Prep Teachers, 2.0 Special Education Teachers
- Projected numbers for next year are based on both the virtual + in-person schools.
- Enrolment 2020-2021 = 447 students vs 2021-2022 = 389.
- Teacher allocation 2020-2021 = 22 vs 2021-2022 = 19.

- These numbers have decreased in part due to a decrease in the number of TDSB international students, and due to a decrease in SAM's late extended French enrolment from 3 incoming grade 7 classes for 2020-2021, to 1 incoming grade 7 class for 2021-2022.

4. Grade 8 Graduation – Ms. Morana

- Ideas re memorabilia = t-shirt, lawn flag, gift bag, face mask.
- Other ideas = ice cream truck [Simone Dublin has a contact + can assist with this], cupcake/cookie
- Projected number of total grade 8 graduates = 225 [includes both virtual + in-person]
- A parent shared the idea of a day trip for grade 8's to the airport. Anees M. will look into a possible virtual trip.
- The question was asked regarding the budget for the grade 8 graduation. Ms. Iacobucci reported that it is normally \$1000. In 2019 the students received a photo, and the dinner-dance was subsidized. Ms. Iacobucci will report back how much was spent that year.

5. Parent/Student Engagement – Family Night – Ms. Morana- Trivia Night – Not possible due to large numbers.

- Cooking Night – Cost is \$750 for a 2 hour event, and a maximum of 50 families. Given the number of SAM families, the event would have to be offered at a couple of different times. Bessie will continue to explore other options.
- Ms. Iacobucci reported that the SAM clubs are continuing to meet. Perhaps the SLC could work on organizing a Trivia contest. Bessie shared that a Trivia context event was held at the high school with classes competing against each other.

****Note:** There was further discussion regarding the grade 8 graduation, which is reported under item #4 above.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- Will be Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.