

 Africentric Alternative 

## School Council Agenda & Minutes

Wednesday December 1/ 2021

6:00-8:00p.m.



Meeting start time: 6:00 pm

### Welcome

- Everyone was welcomed by Maureen

### Land Acknowledgement

- Read by Mr. Reynolds Principal

### Principal and School Updates

- Two A.A.S. teachers attended the meeting
- Meeting today with the Superintendent regarding the School Improvement Needs
- December 2021 School Newsletter will go out this week. New to the newsletter is a School Council page.
- School Photos lots of parents have inquired about this and it will be on the same day as Sheppard School. The 1<sup>st</sup> Photo date is January 27/ 2022, the 2<sup>nd</sup> date will be for retake on Feb 23/ 2022 this will also be the same date for Graduation photos
- Public Health hosting Vaccination Clinics in the community. We will be having one at the school in the big gym on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00pm
- Barilla Canada made a donation this year again to the school. They have donated last year financially to support the school. December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm Chef Tim will be doing a live cooking show virtually and our students will be joining. Barilla's donation will allow for every student to receive pasta after the cooking show. It will go out that
- Spirt Day at the school the plan is to have one before the end of the year. It would be on December 13/2021, and it could be a Sweater Day, Pajama or something like that.

### Model Schools Updates-Community Support Worker

- This position is not currently filled and Colleen is our interim until it is.
- Colleen will be providing School Council and the School support where needed but will not be attending School Council Meetings.

- Colleen has supported the school and School Council with SSON, Pro Grant and Relevant workshops for our parents

### **Kwanzaa Planning**

- Mr. Reynold has already mentioned this with the teachers
- It's a great way to get our student involved and the teachers also
- The lead teachers of planning Kwanzaa every year are MS. Sullivan & Mrs. Hodge
- Mr. Reynolds will make last years Kwanzaa's virtual presentation available to new staff to help with planning this year
- Support from School Council will be welcomed when/where possible, Mr. Reynold will keep them in the loop

### **Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils**

The purpose of the Pro Grant: to support initiatives/activities that engage parents/caregivers (virtual), and builds School Councils' capacity around Human Rights, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Indigenous and Anti-Black Racism

- This year the TDSB is focussing on literacy
- Some schools are doing Literacy nights/days with storytelling of different Cultures. This would be done virtually, one days in two months
- One day in the afternoon during school/ one day in the even hours. Workshop could be 1 hour.
- The amount is \$1, 500.00 the same as last year. Application to be submitted online, no paper allowed
- School Council Co-Chair(s) will need to apply for the grant. The deadline to apply is December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. A draft of the proposal needs to be sent to our Colleen interim CSW, Mr. Reynolds for review by tomorrow.
- Colleen interim CSW has already emailed a template to the Co-Chair(s)
- Last year AAS apply we did not get the Pro Grant but the school covered the cost of the workshop. We had Mosa McNeilly as the facilitator for the Family Art Night. It was called Black Hair Magic: Healing from Anti-Black Racism.

### Suggestions Given

- Literacy with Dance/Art Workshop
- Poetry Reading Workshop
- Art Description Workshop (e.g. posting with caption:" what we think of this Art")
- Itah Sadu storyteller has a partnership with the school and has works with Mr. Reynolds in other things for the school
- Mosa has done work with the school regarding a Mural that couldn't be finished due to Covid. Mosa and another Artist Collen have worked together related to Dance and Art that Mr. Reynolds is aware of
- Workshop possible name: Integrated Literacy and Art or Integrated Literacy through Art/Dance

- Dates picked for Workshops:
  - Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 1:00-2:00 pm (Part 1)  
This will allow student to attend during the school day and parents also to join during the day time
  - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00-8:00 pm (Part 2)  
This will allow both parent and their child to attend in the evening  
This is on a School Council Night and will start at 6:00pm-7:00pm.

**Follow up**

Fundraising: Can School Council have one this year? It could be an off-site fundraiser event lead by Robert G. (Treasurer). What are the

- It wouldn't be anything that requires the children to solicit or go out into the community
- No visitors allowed in the school to do it on site due to Covid
- Last year School Council were told that fundraising was not encouraged by TDSB for schools to do. This was due to the hardship on parents financially

Meeting Adjourned: 6:68 pm | Minutes: Maureen B.