



Africentric Alternative School



Wednesday October 27, 2021

6:00-8:00p.m.



Meeting started time: 6:00 pm

Council Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
Everyone was welcomed by Colleen (CSW \CYW)
- Land Acknowledgement/African Libation Statement
Read by Colleen (CSW \CYW) / Sound recording played Colleen (CSW \CYW)
- Principal and School Updates

Donation

A Trust from Donald Reed in the amount of \$50 Thousand was given to the school
Two grade 8 students will receive scholarship of \$500.00 each the requirement will be leadership and academic

This scholarship will be given out over the next 10 years

Progress report

School population this year: 66 in person/ 15 virtual

Virtual open house: clips wanted to do

Video should be capture from the lens of the students

Administration

Kindergarten room ECE last day Nov. 8th 2021, due to AAS having surplus

Grade 1/2 class teacher Ms. Raji is off/on leave

Report Cards

Going out this month and parent/teacher updates will be virtual

- Model Schools Updates-Community Support Worker
Colleen is supporting tonight's meeting has started her new position with TDSB as a Child & Youth Worker

Michelle Monroe will be posting the CWS position and the goal to have the position filled within the next 2 weeks

Sheppard School concern from recent meeting:

1) drop off area unsafe

*the principal of both schools started today speaking to parents parked in the drop off area to relocate as it's the School Bus loading area

2) Parent smoking in the parking lot/ school property

-Parent Survey for Workshops Topics

The CWS will work with Council with the results with the focus of the survey.

-The TDSB Hub has important information and different resources

Password: trillium

- Big Brother Big Sisters After School Program

November 2021 to May 2022 virtual

Grade 6 and up

Once a month meeting/ 25.00 gift card/certificate

● School Council Positions Co Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer

-Roberts self nominated for Treasurer

-During meeting was open to run for the following positions

Maureen Burbick Co Chairs | Howard Ford Co Chairs

*This will be the new Parent Council Committee for 2021-2022

-Vacant position: Secretary

(suggestion to have a secretary by committee rotation and/or record the meeting for the purpose only to do the notes then deleted. Recording deleted once notes is done.)

● Council Initiatives- Kwanza Virtual Event, Games Night, Arts Night,
Kwanza Virtual Event

Mr. Reynolds will discuss at staff meeting tomorrow Oct. 28, 2021

Ms. Sullivan is usually taking the lead.

It will be virtual this year also

- Mentorship program with Downsview S.S Africentric Program

This is happening as student are already doing the mentor program and it will continue

● Next Meeting Dates-

Meetings will be on **Wednesday nights @ 6:30 -7:30 pm (1 hour)**

*unless extra time needed for planning special events

Dates going forward are:

Dec 1 2021 **Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm**

-as planning for Kwanza Virtual Event

Feb, 16 2022 **Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm**

-could be an Art event for this month

-starting Graduation planning (principal to include Ms. Sullivan)

-Family engagement (will discuss what to do)

- April 13 2022 **Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm**
- Graduation planning continues (principal to include Ms. Sullivan)
- June 15 2022 **Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm**

Last meeting for the year

*Note: Last day of school year is June 30th 2022

Other things to add to the agenda

-We should be having the conversation regarding the vaccination

-Short survey also could be done at the meeting to get the parents input on the subject

Up coming Community Announcement

*The Dr. Vibe Show 7:30 – 9:30 Oct. 28/ 2021 (Parent shared- P.O.)

Flyers was shared in meeting and will be sent parent by

CSW and Principal tomorrow morning

*CAPCAN Safe place to talk (Parent shared- P.O.)

Topic: Vaccination for younger children under 12

Reporter – Alternative Schools and Vaccination (Parent shared- J.P.)

J.P. was contacted directly via email by a reporter

Think this should be group decision to see how parents felt about the vaccinating of there children.

J.P. if speaks to reporter will give own point of view and will not be speaking on behalf of the AAS

For more school, parent and community information visit:

- www.tdsbHUB.ca
- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/CEBSA>
- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Questions-and-Answers/COVID-19-in-Schools>

Mental Health Action Toolkits:

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being#mental-health-toolkits>

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 pm | Minutes: Maureen B.