

First SAC Meeting of 2019/2020 School Year

- Thursday, 28 November 2019
- 18:00 to 20:00

Participants

- Patrick Boland
- Dan Jakob Ofer
- Dr. Minakshi Das
- Sarah Butterwick
- Sarah Smith
- Sherron Grant
- Elif Denis
- Nadhira Soud
- And parents

Meetings Notes

- We introduced ourselves to each other

Principal's Report

- By Sherron Grant
- Patrick explained what a model school is
- The School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the principal on,
 - Caring and safe school issues,
 - The School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Mrs Grant and Patrick Boland are responsible for encouraging parental involvement
- The principal requests input for,
 - Staffing
 - Budget

School Improvement

- By Sherron Grant

Goals

- Improve children's reading
- Literacy rates are,
 - **Low** for the English stream
 - **OK** for the French stream

- Math,
 - Mr. Osei-Bonsu is a great teacher who teaches children tricks, shortcuts, and ways of playing with numbers
 - Children are impressed
 - School wants to use his techniques in other classes
- The school should have safe spaces for children
- The Early Development Instrument,
 - Is performed in Senior Kindergarten
 - Results are ready by Grade 2
 - Compares who the children are compared to how they performed in Grade 1
 - It looks at factors such as,
 - Place of birth
 - Time lived in Canada
 - Language of instruction
 - Et cetera
- The CAT4 test is used in Model Schools
- The CCAT7 test
 - Parents of Grade 3 children should have received the results whether their children are gifted by now
- All Grade 3 pupils are tested whether they are gifted to remove bias

Board Code of Conduct

- Is recited every morning
- Teachers are encouraged to resolve conflicts instead of sending children to principal's office
 - Help the children understand why the conflict occurred
 - An attempt to increase empathy
 - With the hope that pupils do it by themselves without asking the teacher
- Emotional Zones
 - Qualifies how a pupil feels,
 - Happy
 - Sad
 - Angry/upset
 - Anxious
 - Teach them to pupils
 - Help pupils regulate themselves to return to the happy zone so they can focus

X Movement

- Dance classes
- Came in September 2019
- Will come again in January 2020
- Junior Leadership
- Class management workshop stayed three hours extra on Tuesday, November the 19th

Staffing

- Interviews for
 - Office Administrator
 - Position is currently occupied by Mr. Vidiri
 - New ECE for French Immersion, Senior Kindergarten

Budget

- Released late
- Two budgets,
 - School budget
 - Cut of 5 per cent for the 2019/2020 school year!
 - Addition of 20,000 dollars because of we are a model school
 - 12 Chromebooks for older children
 - 1 Cart (~2,000 dollars)
 - Every kinder classroom will have five iPads
 - We would like,
 1. Basketball hoops
 2. Security swipe cards
 3. Library furniture
 - Central budget
 - Salaries are paid by central budget
 - Special Needs Assistance until December 2019

Extra Curricular

- Knitting and crochet club
- Field trips will continue

Gang Prevention Townhall

- By Sherron Grant
- Attended by,
 - Patrick Boland,
 - Sherron Grant, and
 - Mrs. Romanovich
- Toronto Police have a website that show crime incidents

Grant Award

- By Dr. Minakshi Das
- Awarded 2,500 dollars
- Spread across the following categories
 - Pupils
 - Parents
 - Financial Literacy
 - Community Fair
- Patrick suggested that we form a sub-committee to handle how to spend the money

More Grants

- A grant to bring an artist to the school
- Ask Mr. Boland and Mrs. Grant to sign approvals for grants
 - But, it is better to ask Mr. Boland

Fund Status

- The SAC Committee has a line item on the budget
- The SAC committee decides how to allocate funding
- Mrs. Grant has authority to sign our line item on the budget but SAC members do not
- Started off with 1,000 dollars in September

Trustee / Parent Engagement Night

- By Patrick Boland
- At Daystrom Public School
 - 25 Daystrom Drive (Weston Road and Finch West)
- Event details at Daystrum at <https://t.e2ma.net/click/4uezob/oerxl4/omh39d>
- Thursday, December the 12th
- 18:00 to 20:00

Gosford Fire

- By Patrick Boland
- 235 Gosford
- Displaced 700 persons
- Three families affected at Derrydown Public School
- York University can no longer provide accommodations
- Patrick Boland will look into whether we can donate clothing and report to Mrs. Grant
- The most pressing concern is the lodging