



HA Halbert Jr PS

School Advisory (Parent) Council

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MINUTES

Thursday June 4, 2020

6:00 PM

- A. Welcome – **Lorna (open discussion)**
 - a) Lorna, Carmen, Emma & Hanna, Jessica, Jesse, Michelle, McMike, Karlo, Hugh, Shawna AND **Sazgar Agha, Sirivel** --- Regrets: Nadia
 - b) Thank you to the current board for their work. This is her last year since Christina is Grade 6 and graduates.
- B. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories – **Karlo**
- C. Approval of minutes – Lorna and Michelle approve prior minutes
- D. Principal update – **Karlo (30 mins)**
 - a) Pick Up of Personal Belongings (Update if required – depending on when protocols have been identified by the Board)
 - ⇒ Next couple of weeks, parents will be able to pick up their belongings.
 - ⇒ This week, teachers will be able to come in and organize their rooms.
 - ⇒ Student items (bins/kindie lockers) were bagged up and labeled by teachers. Unknown items (no names etc.) are in the “Mystery Box”. The “Mystery Box” will be videotaped by Karlo and emailed as well to families.
 - ⇒ Bags will be in the school gym. School will be opened class by class and families will be notified – starting with Ms. Weiser since she has finished her room cleanup.
 - ⇒ Families will line up just outside the gym door – lines will be marked for physical distancing. Ms Khan or Ms. Lazavaric will be at a table handing out the student items. This limits touch points for parents – a lot of people in building (staff and construction crew).
 - ⇒ Email directly to families that have an identified bag and general email to rest of families about “Mystery Box”. A parent with multiple children can come once.
 - ⇒ If preferred, a family can request the item to be held until next school year.
 - b) Update on End of Year Celebrations / Milestones (Grade 6 Moving on Up and SK Fly Up)
 - ⇒ Virtual versions of both events
 - ⇒ June 22 (SK) and June 23 (Grade 6)
 - ⇒ Ms Zubair has volunteered to take pictures for the Grade 6s – pupils will get electronic versions of the photos
 - c) Update on Welcome to Kindergarten evenings with families and students
 - ⇒ 20 JK students registered
 - ⇒ Virtual Welcome to Kindergarten is on June 8th
 - ⇒ June 9, 12, 16 – Ms Laface and Ms Benoit will welcome the new JK students to the online classroom
 - ⇒ Ms. Margaret from the EarlyON will be sending activities to new JK students – Activities will be play based and assist with transition “prepare” students for entering school.
 - ⇒ Chai and Chat with Karlo on June 11 and 18 (One literacy, one numeracy in the early years)
 - d) Update on Construction – Playground
 - ⇒ Construction has begun! Pavement and sand have been removed; the new ramp has been built.
 - ⇒ Photos will be posted – Ms. VanEvera will be taking them – Karlo showed photos of construction, Tree Protection, and fencing.
 - ⇒ Lorna asked how the Grade 6s will be commemorated for their donations/contributions to the playground fundraising.

- ⇒ Plaque will be somewhere commemorating the 2019/20 students for raising \$11K towards the playground
- e) Update on Construction – Parking Lot
 - ⇒ Mature trees have been wrapped with Tree Protection Zone fencing
- f) Update on Construction – Cooling Station – Gym
 - ⇒ When the gym gets to a certain board regulated temperature, the cooling system will turn on
 - ⇒ We can request for the board to turn it on for special occasions e.g. Spring Concert, Graduation
- g) Update on Construction – Magnetic Doors
 - ⇒ It will be ready for next school year but is not complete.
- h) Update on School Model Structure for 2020/2021
 - ⇒ School Model – 2 Kindergarten classes (27 students and 28 students), Grade 1 (22 pupils), 2 classes of Grade 1/2 (21 pupils and 20 pupils), 2 classes of Grade 2/3 (20 each class), Grade 4/5 (24 pupils), and 2 classes of Grade 5/6 (24 and 25 pupils each)
- i) Update on Schools for September 2020
 - ⇒ TDSB will update when known
- j) Celebration of Reading Levels
 - ⇒ Before we left in March, we had many identified students moving up in their reading levels. Many reached their target and surpassed it. Guided Reading Sessions have continued during online learning. Hard to evaluate online since it is not just about what you hear them read – it is about where their eyes are looking, how they problem solve difficult words/passages, etc.
- k) Celebration of Student Leadership
 - ⇒ Goal to lead in a variety of ways – Kindergarten helper, office leader etc.
 - ⇒ What does leadership look like for Grades 1-3?

E. Review of Action Items for 2020 – Karlo (5 mins)

- a) Making SAC materials transparent and accessible – Karlo will post after this meeting.
- b) Permanent virtual (zoom) SAC meeting, except for planning meeting for events and assignment

F. Newsletter Mock Up - Lorna (5 mins)

- a) Five areas: SAC Meeting Dates, Updates, Current Members, Event Dates/Programs, How to Connect
- b) Having it readily available to parents and encourage involvement
- c) Next Year's council will need to decide where the responsibility to create/post

G. Parent engagement survey – Shawna (5 mins)

- Shawna to provide a mock-up of questions for the survey –
 - ⇒ Shawna had to step out and unable to update
 - ⇒ Hugh tried to discuss the survey done last fall and the plans to do next fall too. *** AUDIO BROKE UP ***
 - ⇒ Karlo asked Hugh if the survey could be sent to us. Hugh will touch base with Shawna

H. Any Other Business (10 mins)

- a) Traditionally, our council runs to the first election.

*** Meeting ended @7:10pm

**Event leads, please keep the group in the loop with updates and if help is needed in the planning stages prior to the event so task assignments are completed and everyone is hands on and knows what they are doing. Please be considerate of volunteers help and ensure you actually need their help. Ensure signage is used and announcements are made so the students can share information with their parents as well.*

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