

SAC Meeting Minutes
Monday October 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Attendees- ONLINE, attendance not taken

SAC head:

- Strong request for parents to support the classroom grant funding ask (25\$/student). Well received.

Principal Report

Student numbers: 638 students in place, 8 virtual students

Staffing update:

- Completed interviews for junior French, able to secure a permanent French teacher (a lot of experience, won't start until Nov 11)
- Early childhood educators which are currently in place are expected to continue with their placement
- Education assistant returned from leave

Extracurricular activities:

- Usually parents could volunteer, but currently are not able to do so. Teachers must take on the roles
- Grade 7+ will start activities when able, but not lower grades at this point.
- Sports are rated by risk and riskier/vs less risky will have different start dates
- Covid screening:
 - 300 tests have been done so far. Readily available at Fairlawn exits.

-Grade 3 testing to be done online this year for the first time. Teachers have received training and tech is available.

-Halloween: there will be themed music, but not shared food and must wear covid style masks rather than face masks for costumes.

-Progress Reports: virtual parent interviews on Nov 18/19. If class teachers changed, the teacher that had the student longer will be writing the comment.

-There will be no grade 6 class trip. However, it is the hope of everyone that there will be a graduation event.

-Library: book exchange will commence by cohorts.

-Redirected early childhood educators not to “catch up/discuss progress” with parents and vice versa at drop off/pick up because the communication/socialization is slowing down the entry/exit.

-Volunteers in school: Principle needs to get approval from superintendent to allow parents (not groups of parents) to volunteer. Required to be fully vaccinated. Justification for volunteer needs to be provided.

-Board has provided training in google classroom and teachers have their classrooms ready should the need arise to learn virtually. Some teachers load materials more regularly than others.

-Fence update: superintendent visited school today. City came by with yellow spray paint to mark required areas. Lots of pressure has been placed to get this done in a more efficient timing. Hoping to increase the fence line to increase yard space.

Election:

- SAC Committee was voted on. Most positions are remaining the same, however some new parental involvement (specifically fundraising).
- Education advocate remains open

** Big thanks to Janice Passmore – curriculum support, Jen Bidwell/Jen Moad/Leanne Oosterfeld- fund raising- are stepping down but their role was extremely appreciated. Thanks for all your hard work!!

Budget:

-Started with 14k, lower than previous years; obviously fundraising has been majorly limit.

-SAC has approved ½ the classroom grants (\$250) with the hopes that \$250 more can be provided later.

-Admit cost of 2k (mailing, tech systems etc) have to be kept moving forward. We would usually have 18k aprx to support additional causes but are now left with only 2.5k. The money we receive from direct donations will undoubtedly make a very big impact!!

Fundraising:

- Spirit wear will be happening again!
- Also planning a poincetta holiday fundraiser
- Looking to bring back pizza lunch, even if process needs to be changed to follow covid protocol.

School Support

- Winterwear drive for all ages! Collection at 298 Fairlawn and 296 Brookdale.

Community Event: October 30th 2-4 ppl.

- JW clean up!! Hoping to get the community involved in cleaning/caring for our JW grounds. Will include cleaning/planting.
- Possible idea: planters for the front of school, better/more garbage cans etc.