

School Council/Parent Voice In-Person Minutes of the Meeting

SAC Meeting Date: June 16, 2022

SAC Meeting Time: 5:30PM – 7:30PM

SAC Meeting Attendance:

1. Sherron Grant
2. Sheyi Momoh
3. Janelle Baetiong
4. Aara Vive
5. Melissa Reeves
6. Charlene Pierson
7. Dhekra Aljadasi
8. Moya Taylor
9. Jeneen Hamilton
10. Additional guest parent
11. Sensei Colin Ninvalle
12. Trustee Patel

Discussion Items:

- Principal's Report
1. EQAO for in-person learners for Grade 3 and Grade 6 has been completed. Virtual learners were left off unless they were willing to come to school to take the EQAO, but we didn't have any of that this year.
 2. Successful parent engagement events:
 - a. Parent Appreciation Event
 - b. Kindergarten Night
 - c. Community Partnership Events
 - We want to encourage the parents to be more involved. We want to remind them that their feedback and engagement are valuable, and we want them to be active partners.
 - The kids were surprised and happy to see that the parents can come inside the school to socialize and have some fun.
 3. Plans have been signed for the next school year. At the first month of the school year, the focus will be on building community and the academics will come after.
 4. Staffing:
 - a. Our previous secretary, Miss Ayesha got a permanent position at Cornell.
 - b. Miss Mary, our office administrator who is currently on sick leave will be back by the end of August.
 - c. We have a secretary in place for September, but for now we have Miss Rosa helping us until the end of June.
 - d. It's difficult to get office staff, it's currently a problem across the whole board.

- e. From having 6 lunchroom supervisors, we can only have 4. Anyone interested to apply for the position of lunchroom supervisor can apply online and has to go through the whole process.
 - f. We're waiting confirmation for 3 SNA – Special Needs Assistance
 - g. There will be an end of year letter that will be sent by Miss Grant that will have the staffing changes – the staff that will be leaving the school and the new/returning staff that will be coming to the school.
5. Budget:
- a. We will continue to spend the money to support School Improvement Plan
 - b. Due to the pandemic, there was still a bit of a surplus left from Miss Smalley.
 - c. The school bought gym equipment, basketball net outside with chains, STEAM Resources
 - d. Out of the budget, we pay the CYW.
 - e. Couple of benches in the junior wing and under the Willow tree.
 - f. Still trying to look something that can be placed in the foyer.
6. Activities:
- a. Thanks to Mr Shapiro and Ms Wilson, we had the cricket and volleyball team.
 - b. The Boys and Girls Club had their pizza party as they ended.
 - c. Outdoor play last Friday (June 17)
 - d. Talent show (June 23) and parents are welcome to attend
 - e. Dance day (June 24) – we are trying to look for a free DJ
7. ASE1 HS Move
- a. Construction has already begun, and they are moving fast.
 - b. They are very sensitive to the students and keeping the surroundings clean.
 - c. They are making sure that the school days are uninterrupted.
 - d. They are working hard to make things ready for September.
8. Parent/Community Involvement:
- a. We've been working with the following and starting to build relationship through:
 - i. Toronto Community Housing
 - ii. Boys and Girls Club
 - iii. Coach John
 - iv. Big Brothers and Sisters
 - v. Toronto Crisis Department
 - vi. Tropicana
 - vii. Taibu
9. For next school year:
- a. We're hoping to get Wadoka Martial Arts Academy to partner with the school
 - b. Coach John who's doing multi-sports
 - c. We'd like to see other clubs, not just sports such as chess and checkers club, multicultural dance club, arts club and, etc. This is to meet the needs and interest of different children.
 - d. We're hoping to get the parents more involved by cheering for the kids on the first day going back to school this September. The African drummers to welcome the kids as well so we can set the tone for our children. They can be excited to come back to school.

- e. There are lot of visions, lots of plans and lots of goals but we also want to hear from the children and the parents. The parents can pop-in the school or send email to give feedback and suggestion on what we can do to encourage and inspire our students.
10. Message from Trustee Patel:
- a. Community/Parent engagement is always our motto. The more we talk and get more engaged to people are important. The key thing is engagement, and our school, Willow Park and other junior schools are very critical so it's really important that we keep the engagement alive. If we keep the engagement alive, the dialogue and conversation open, we will have a better community. Our school is welcome for everyone to have that dialogue and conversation regardless of religion.
11. This will be last the meeting for this school year and the next meeting will be in October 2022.

Minutes of the meeting prepared by:
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