

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting on Feb. 3, 2021

Attendance:

Principal - Dawn Langille
Teacher Rep - Denise Palmer
Teacher Rep - Theresa Nickerson
Parent Rep - Janine MacIreith
Parent Rep – Laurie Jay
Community Rep - Wendy Matheson Withrow

Regrets:

Parent Rep - Rachael McBay

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda made by Wendy, seconded by Denise, and unanimously carried.
3. Minutes from last meeting (Nov. 2020) reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Janine, seconded by Laurie, and unanimously carried.
4. Business arising from the meeting minutes:

Dawn explained that there should have a Vice-Chairperson on the SAC. This will be addressed in upcoming meetings.

Dawn shared that a recruitment post went out on the school's Facebook page and that Rachael received some responses from interested people.

SSP Update:

Dawn shared that teachers worked on SSP planning during the professional learning week, Jan. 4-8, 2021. Lead teams met and are currently collecting term one data from teachers. The focus of all areas of the SSP is Cultural Responsive Pedagogy. Denise explained what this entails. Dawn explained that the school climate team is currently working on a behaviour matrix. She shared that the school has a new logo with a bear on it, the animal chosen by the students and staff during school-wide virtual assemblies.

Business arising from the meeting minutes cont'd

She shared the new logo, and explained that the school would order t-shirts with the logo on them for each student and staff member. In the meantime, stickers will be ordered and given out to students.

5. School Website

Dawn shared that the school website has been updated as requested to include up-to-date SAC information and meeting minutes. She added that the monthly news and information messages sent to parents electronically each month have been uploaded to the website as well. Rachael now has a CCRCE email address for SAC communications.

6. New Business

a) SAC Budget:

Dawn explained that the substitute teachers for teachers working collaboratively the SAC agreed to cover last year was mistakenly not taken from the SAC budget. It was covered by school funds instead. This means that this money, \$2600, is still in the SAC budget. She wondered if any members had ideas for how it could be spent.

Wendy asked is there were enough resources available for teachers to implement CRP. Denise replied that we are currently awaiting a vetted list of approved resources from CCRCE and that until one is available, it may be best not to fund this.

Wendy also suggested using the money to help the school pay for the new t-shirts mentioned above.

Denise mentioned purchasing Chromebooks.

Dawn shared that the school received a \$1000 Healthy Schools grant which will go toward cross country skis for the school. She suggested that perhaps the \$2600 could help fund more sets.

Wendy noted that pre-primary students are not permitted to use playground play structures. She asked if there is SAC money available for purchasing outdoor equipment for them. She asked whether or not the SAC represented the pre-primary program. Dawn was not sure, and said she would inquire if it does, and if so, if it receives any money for this.

Denise suggested that we wait to speak to staff about how they could utilize the money before we vote. It was decided that she will consult with staff, compile a list of suggestions from staff and those from this evening's meeting, and send out an email next week of options for a vote.

SAC Budget cont'd

Laurie asked if there was anything we could fund in place of field trips this year - some fun classroom-based activities perhaps? Denise will ask staff and Dawn will ask other principals for ideas. Denise will add these ideas to the above-mentioned email.

Dawn mentioned that any large purchases like Chromebooks or iPads, would have to be done by Feb. 19, 2021.

b) School Outdoor Toys Update:

This item was tabled as Rachael was unable to attend meeting.

c) Any Other Business: None

7. Input from the public:

No members of the public were present as meetings are closed due to Covid-19.

8. Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. (motion made by Wendy, seconded by Denise and unanimously carried).