

Date: Wednesday February 19, 2025

### **Attendees:**

Names	Representing	Present	Regrets
John Barrington	Admiral's Academy	X	
Krista Flemming	Admiral's Academy	X	
Chris Miller	Admiral's Academy		X
Shane Fitzgerald	Admiral's Academy	X	
Heather Ivey	Admiral's Academy	X	
Kristopher Viens (Chair)	Parent Rep		X
Christa Carleton	Parent Rep	X	
Nicole Fitzpatrick	Parent Rep	X	
Melissa Cutler	Parent Rep	X	
Michelle Thorne	Parent Rep	X	

# **Meeting Minutes:**

Agreement of previous minutes: (John)

- Accepted (January 2025)

### **New Business:**

### 1. Review of Previous Action Items

• 50/50 Spring Fundraiser: Lottery licence will be applied for; 10,000 tickets will be printed. 50/50 will take place over Easter with draws taking place in the first week of May. Prize draws may include who sold the most tickets, sellers prize and early bird prize. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of additional Chromebooks (20-25) as some are expiring and another cart, for a total of 3 carts.

# 1. School Update (John, Krista)

• The first Kinderstart session was well received. It took place for 1.5 hours. This extended session provided more time with parents. The next Kinderstart session is March 07, 2025.

- Fun and Friendship week was a jam packed; fun filled week that the children enjoyed.
- ECO team is up and running, they have had their first meeting during the week of February 17, 2025, to February 21, 2025.
- February 10, 2025, to February 14, 2025, was staff appreciation week. The children enjoyed the individual posters for teachers at the classroom level.
- Literacy initiative is in full swing, it is going well on social media pages.
- A working DOC was discussed that the teachers can contribute to, the admin will encourage teachers to engage so we can create a school resource with tips and tricks to elevate at home and nightly reading.
- The 100th day of school was celebrated February 18th, which was a fun day for all the children.
- Literacy assessments are complete, the admins know how the school is progressing.

### 2. Social Promotion Update (Christa)

- Sammy's picks in the library are underway, thank you to Heather.
- There have been 3 posts on both the social pages, 1 more post to be updated.
- The second week had 18-19 parents engage in the post. Which is more than the previous week.
- There is a prize draw for a \$25.00 Indigo gift card.
- February had the best performance on the Facebook page. Out of 670 members, 493 had seen the literacy post.
- 17% up in the number of posts, 40% up in comments and 15% up in the reach of our audience.
- Parent appreciation post had the most engagement on our social page, without the donations raised during the first term report cards the Staff appreciation week would not have been successful to show our faculty how wonderful and appreciated they are.

## 3. Grant application (John, Krista)

• John has applied for a grant in September and recently received notice that the school has been approved for \$40,000 to upgrade the playground creating a more accessible and inclusive play area.

• Communication from the builder is in progress to receive information on how to proceed with the upgrades.

### 4. Upcoming Items (All)

- The ICF presentation took place February 18, 2025, there were 13-14 parents tuned in. Tuesday, February 25, 2025, ICF registration will take place.
- Pick shirt celebration takes place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.
- The upcoming spelling bee will have the grade 4-7 winner attend the St. John's Elks Club spelling bee in May. The winner of that will have the opportunity to go to Ottawa.
- March 24, 2025, is a math PD day for faculty.
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2025, will be a holiday for the school.
- Report cards will go home on March 19, 2025, with family teacher conferences taking place on March 20, 2025.
- The next STEM day is scheduled for May 2, 2025.

### Other Items for Discussion:

## Roundtable: (all)

- (Nicole) The grade 4 girls basketball team will take part in the provincial NLBA games scheduled for March 28-30.
- (Heather) The ECO club has had an enthusiastic amount of interest; they have added another member from each class and had an additional meeting. The kids are incredibly motivated in this group.
- (Christa) Idea's around a Science fair. It was determined Admiral's hosts a school wide STEM day and, in the past, there have been groups from MUN brought in for student engagement. Additional discussions around a Fall fair. Potentially have some info on tables in September.

# **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be hybrid on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.