



Admiral's Academy Navigators School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday November 15, 2023

Attendees:

Names	Representing	Present	Regrets
John Barrington	Admiral's Academy	X	
Shane Fitzgerald	Admiral's Academy	X	
Chris Miller	Admiral's Academy	X	
Valerie Ryan	Admiral's Academy	X	
Heather Ivey (New Member)	Admiral's Academy	X	
Adam Warren (On Leave)			
Kristopher Viens		X	
Christa Carleton	Parents	X	
Melissa Hudson	Parents	X	
Kerry Martin	Parents		X
Andrew Mouland	Parents	X	

Meeting Minutes:

Agreement of previous minutes: (John)

- Accepted (October 2023)

New Business

1. Playground Updates (John)

- Admirals Academy has not received news on the grant yet (applied for a provincial wellness grant to add to the schools play structure).
- The Porter family reached out to a new contractor to carry the project forward. Paul Walsh will be meeting with district on how to proceed with purchasing and facilities. They indicated other businesses have offered in-kind support for the project.

2. School Council Member Resignation (John/Kris)

- Effective immediately Kerry Martin has formally resigned from school council. Council members voted on whether a new member should be voted in. Due to

timing, being well into designated meetings and that a complete council is currently in place it was voted that a new member would be voted for in the 2024/2025 school year. Vote and motion carried – all in favour.

3. General School Update/Recap (John)

- The fall 2023 Zumba Move-A-Thon on Friday, November 10 was a success. Funds raised will be used to purchase chrome books. Staff will be polled on how best to deploy the new chrome books.
- The Remembrance Day assembly was one of the best the school has had yet and the kids were all very respectful. A big thank you to all involved.
- PL day November 20 for report card writing and teacher professional learning. Parent-teacher interviews will take place Nov 30th and once again this year the school will use OPTIS to book conferences.
- The November literacy challenge is ongoing – families are engaged and sharing pictures. Two prize baskets are available to be won.
- Admirals Academy is rolling out RYCOR (a new online/form payment system) in a staged approach. They have started with grade two families to help identify and troubleshoot any challenges.
- The first Scholastic book fair of the year is being held in the library from November 27th to December 1st.
- Admirals are again running their Christmas sharing program – monetary or gift card donations can be made until December 8th.

Other Items for Discussion:

1. Accessibility Playground Concerns - Email from Parent (Kris)

- An Admirals Academy parent reached out to council chair Kris Viens via email (with others school and city administrators copied) to request their accessibility playground concerns be brought forward to the council.
- Kris Viens requested an in-person meeting to hear from the family directly. They are advocating for an inclusive playground and installation of a WhisperGlide swing (accommodates more than one child for inclusive play and does not require a double lift).

- Kris met individually with John Barrington, John Hanlon, Facilities Manager with NLESD and Lisa Tucker (parent) to discuss. It was shared that the swing in question is not CSA approved and therefore cannot be installed on school property.
- Admirals have installed a CSA approved JENNSWING adaptive swing. Rubber mats were installed (week of Nov 6) extending access from the spinner to the swing. They have received an air/leaf blower to keep mats free from pea stones during use and offered assistance to support children into the swing.
- Kris will follow up with school district for any other funding that may be available

2. Arrow Addiction Archery (Andrew)

- Andrew brought forward a contact through Scouts and an opportunity for Arrow Addiction Archery to teach instructor-led archery lessons to students. It was shared that archery is included in grade 7 curriculum at no cost and grade 6 students get an opportunity to learn during a sports excursion to Sunshine Park.

3. Christmas Concert Tickets (Chris)

- How many tickets will families be given this year? Families will receive 3 tickets/family. Families with two households will be given priority for any remaining tickets available.

Roundtable: (all)

- None

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 17, 2024 @ 3:45pm

Next meeting will be a hybrid meeting so those wishing to join in person can meet in the library and we will connect those calling in virtually.