Admiral's Academy Navigators School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday January 17, 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	Admiral's Academy	X	
Kristopher Viens	Parent	X	
Christa Carleton	Parent	X	
Melissa Hudson	Parent	X	
Andrew Mouland	Parent	X	
Adam Warren (On Leave)			

Meeting Minutes:

Agreement of previous minutes: (John)

- Accepted (December 2023)

Review of Previous Action Items:

1. Playground Updates (John)

- John spoke with Paul Walsh (Porter family representative) and was informed that the climbing structure is going to tender. The Educational Foundation will work with Sammy's Foundation to transfer funds once a vendor is selected. The Foundations work is complete and final steps lie with ELESD. Looking at late summer/early fall for installation.
- Structure recognition – Admirals is reviewing "in memory of" recognition options for the structure.

- Admirals Academy has not yet heard back on their provincial wellness grant application – timeline for notice is any time between now and March 31, 2024

2. Fundraising (John)

- Council has agreed to run a spring 50/50 draw building on the success of last years campaign. Date TBC
- Exciting news - Admirals was informed that 2023 Chromebook expiry dates have been extended for another 7-10 years. John has inquired if the Chromebooks recently removed from circulation will also receive an extension.

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

- Kris has reached out to federal government colleagues on national playground resources but no update at this time.

New Business:

1. School Update

- Admiral's Christmas concert was a huge access – one of the best yet!
- Admiral's students performed for Admirals Coast residents – enjoyed by both students and residents
- The 12 days of Christmas was a favourite again this year with lots of fun activities for the students.
- Admirals Academy thanks all families for their donations and generosity for both the Christmas Sharing and Admirals Coast campaigns – donations supported many families and individuals this year.
- Sammy the Gator made his big appearance on December 20, 2023. Sammy will have many surprise appearance throughout the remainder of the year (greeting students at the bus bubble, kiss and go drop off, etc.). Notes from Sammy cards have been printed for teachers of the younger grades to write encouraging positive notes to students.
- Administrators from Admirals Academy and other schools in the CBS area will be visiting each other to knowledge share.

Other Items for Discussion:

1. Grade one class sizes: caps, current sizes and process if classes exceed caps (Christa)

- Grade one class caps – 25 students (soft) and 28 (hard)
- Ms. Pinhorn has 27 students and Ms. Greeley has 26
- District is aware class sizes are approaching the hard caps
- Christa Carleton to send a letter to Susan Perry inquiring about caps, process and options for Admiral's grade one classes

Roundtable: (all)

1. Teacher Appreciation Week (Kris/Christa)
    - Parent reps have started plans for Teachers Appreciation Week
    - John to confirm dates with council

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 21, 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.