



Admiral's Academy Navigators

School Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 18, 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 Moulard	Parents		X

Meeting Minutes:

Agreement of previous minutes: (John)

- Accepted (June 2023)

New Business

1. Playground Updates (John)

- Swings arrived and were installed last year
- Facilities is waiting for two consecutive days of nice weather to install the new mats
- Three buddy benches and our new flagpole were installed in October – special thanks to Weirs Construction who donated their time and costs to dig the holes and install concrete bases for the benches and flagpole. And thank-you to Mr. Barrington and his dad who volunteered their Thanksgiving weekend to install and build the benches.

- The Town of CBS finished the fence, repaired the sports field and have agreed to leave the soccer nets in place for the fall
- Admirals Academy has applied for a provincial wellness grant to add to the schools play structure – hoping to hear back hear mid November

2. General School Update/Recap (John)

- A new school and sports logo was unveiled early September. The new logo is front and center in the gym, on our flagpole, school communication materials, new school swag and most recently the new welcome sign in the front foyer. Go Gators Go!
- The first PL day September 29 was a huge success. By cost sharing with 11 other local schools, Admirals Academy lead a UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) professional learning on using the UFLI program which is around our school development strategic issue which is evidence based decision making
- Admiral's Academy is excited about bringing back a school-wide Spelling Bee
 - Grades 1-3 will have their own mini spelling bee
 - Grades 4-7 will compete as a school with winners having the opportunity to compete in Ottawa (at their own expense)
- Public speaking is a new initiative we are looking at implementing this year – more details to come
 - Primary students will not compete but will create poems and families will be invited in to hear them
 - Grades 3 and 4 will practice poems throughout the year with 2 representatives from each class competing for first, second and third place.
 - Grades 5, 6 and 7 will do similar but will do speeches instead of poems
- A family games day is being planned to take place during Admiral's 12 days of Christmas. Families will be invited to bring/donate/attend the classroom with their children to play a game. Grades 7 will also be filtering throughout the classrooms to play with students
- Year end awards is another initiative we are looking at implementing this year centered around older students who are moving on to junior high (Citizenship award, Sam's High-Climber award, Principals award are currently being discussed) – more details to come

- Thanksgiving food drive was a success with all proceeds going to the CBS Food Bank
- Very good response to Coats for Kids
- Fall Literacy challenge will return this year with two prize baskets available to be won
- November 28 – first term reports go home
- November 30 – parent/teacher interviews

Other Items for Discussion:

1. Fundraising for 2023/2024 (Kris)

- School Council is looking to host two fundraisers next year
 - Fall 2023 Zumba Move-A-Thon on Friday, November 10 (Zumba sessions will be held by grade with early-bird prizes available). Funds raised will go towards school literacy items
 - Winter 2024 50/50 draw (funds raised will go to the schools technology needs)
 - On parent/teacher night, a gift card tree will be set-up for parents to purchase tickets. Funds raised will be split between Admiral's Christmas Sharing program and school recreational items for lunch play (skipping ropes, plastic boards, soccer boards, etc.)

2. Activities/events for this school year (Kris)

- Kris asked if there was a list of activities for the year – no there is not a pre-determined list for the full school year as events, activities, sports get organized by volunteer parents/teachers throughout the year
- Mr. Warren is running a grade 6 boys basketball team
- Ms. Ivey with support from volunteer teachers/parents is leading the very popular running club again this year
- Parents are welcome to organize a team – please reach out to John Barrington (RNC police checks are required as well as having the approved student/parent volunteer ratio to be approved)
- Music Concerts
 - Remembrance Day concert at 9:30am
 - Dec 10 – grade 2/3 Christmas concert

- o Dec 13 – How the Grinch Stole Christmas performance
- o Dec 18 – grade 2 choir performing at Admirals Coast Retirement Centre

Roundtable: (all)

- Heather Ivy – the Admiral's running club would like to host a competitive spring run with official timing, entry fee, and winner prizes – more details to come
- Christa Carleton – suggested a Kindness rock garden as part of future school landscaping where students can leave, take or give a kindness rock. Mr. Barrington confirmed the school could commit to having a sign created.

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 18, 2023 @ 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.