

South Queens Middle School

SAC Minutes

October 05, 2020

Welcome

Attendance -

Heather Kelly

Daniel Losier- **absent**

Anna Tutty

Natalie McMaster

Shelly Whynot

RJ Duffney- **regrets**

Aethne Hinchliffe

Terry Stewart

Stacy Thorburn

Elise Agar

Marissa Harnish

Sonya Cook- **regrets**

Minutes:

Approval of Minutes from March 09, 2020: approved by, seconded by

New Business -

1) Student Success Plan

With COVID, things are different this year. We will be allowing for time together in staff meetings to talk about academics and such that would have been discussed in CLTs. We have asked for wellness of students and staff to be on the fore-front this year

2) SSRCE Draft Policies

New Transportation Policy (released June 2020); students in middle and secondary level who are living 2.4 kms from school are now required to walk to school- discussion around this issue was had

3) SAC Funding Requests

-Grade 8 Leadership group sent a letter requesting funds for materials to promote active living inside and outside of the school

-SAC approved that students can spend up to \$350 maximum on materials to help with free time activities

-Terry will remind the teachers that they can apply to the SAC for money for initiatives for their classrooms/curriculum

4) Outdoor Spaces

-3 areas that we have dedicated to outdoor learning; stumps for classrooms, have been using the field as well.

-Alex Coley (Youth Engagement Coordinator from the NS Health Authority) is coming to talk about what is needed and the ideas will come from the students

-Field: Tina Williamson is asking for support from SAC and students describing how disheartening and frustrating it has been that the field has not been useable; **SAC approved for this to go ahead**

5) Staffing & SSRCE New Communications Coordinator

-Mr. Dorey will be starting at DJCW Oct 13 as Vice Principal- Kirsten Ernst will be filling in for him

-New Communications Coordinator for the SSRCE (also shared with TCRCE)- Ashley Gallant

6) COVID-19- Start-up, PTI & Scenario 2

-Start-up was a bit different this year (WHMIS training, masks, etc.)

-Staff and students have been great following the guidelines

-A detailed plan was made for the SSRCE before start up with the guidelines specific to our building

-Scenario 2 is starting to be planned now by Stacy and Terry to be submitted to the SSRCE soon; due to the square footage of our rooms, there would only be a couple of changes for rooms that may need to be switched. In order to go to Scenario 2 Public Health would take control of this

-Parent Teacher Interviews this time around will be carried out virtually or by phone

7) Other: Grant for funding to feed all students (last year)

Haven't heard any updates on this yet

Principal's Report-

Academic Update-

Provincial Assessments- no assessments for Grade 6 students this year;

Grade 8 assessments are scheduled for May

Water Report- our school water taps passed the testing (one was the back tap in the back kitchen)

Technology- we have been working with Jim Dexter to make sure all of our students have technology to use (especially in the case of Scenario 3- if that were to occur)

Extra Curricular Update-

Soccer, Cross-Country and Volleyball teams are in full swing

Leadership Team Initiatives-

4-square, hopscotch, tetherball, spikeball, basketballs and soccer balls

Dates of Note: October

October 12- Thanksgiving (No School)

October 21- Picture Day

October 23- Professional Development Day for Staff (no school for students)

October 29- Parent Teacher Interviews (virtual) 12:30-2:30 and 5:00-7:00

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16