

## **School Council Meeting September 23, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Kimberly Hurrell, Angela Rees, Ann Blackmore, Jennifer Vokey Tobin, Shannon Goldsworthy

**Regrets:** Melanie Cole, Catherine Abbott, Justin Taylor, Amanda Tzenov

[Agenda](#)

Introduction of Community Rep: Angela Rees

Review of the mandate of the School Council. Connection to the School Development Plan.

The voting process for the parent rep has begun - 3 nominees. Voting ends Sept. 27.  
Announcement to be made on Tuesday, October 1.

### **Business Arising**

Playground update - the order is in progress - picnic tables and climbers/balance beam. The cost of these items is substantial but much of it has been collected through fundraisers.

### **Principal's Report**

2024-2025 school configuration: 15 regular classroom units, 345 students - population is constantly rising. This year we have 3 EAL teachers, 15 classroom teachers, a full-time guidance counselor, 2 TLAs, 3.5 IRTs, a reading specialist, phys ed, and music.

All class numbers are below cap, which is a change from last year. Class sizes are still high but there is a small amount of room in each grade before cap is reached.

The 8 grade three students in the split 2/3 class have indicated that they would like to spend some time with their grade three peers. The staff is developing a plan that balances the class community and the threes spending time with the other threes. To begin, the threes will be surveyed and those who want to spend lunch with the other classes will go into those classes on Fridays. Once the Fridays are up and running, additional days together may be added.

School Development Plan: Instructional Practice focus - how we meet student needs within the realm of our school community

- UFLI - focus last year - assessment is focus of this year. PL will be based in the area of assessment this year
- PL Days - November 1 (Data and Dibels) and November 18 (Data)

Staff Committee Groupings: School Development, Literacy, Math and STEM, Environmental

### **New Business**

**Fundraising** - Cookbooks are still here not here - had to be sent back due to poor quality - hopefully they will be here soon.

**Food Drive** - In October it has been decided that we will keep the Thanksgiving food collection and gift card collection to be distributed to our families in need rather than exporting the collection to a community food-sharing group. A note has been made in the newsletter for donations and for families in need to contact the school.

**Bussing** - We now have 5 buses - we may need to make some minor changes in the configurations of the buses but going well so far. The majority of students are using this service.

Next meeting October 28

The meeting concluded at 6:55