

January 27, 2021 School Council Meeting

Attendees

Jan Laffin, Andrea Mchelutti, Kendra Gastmeier, Melane Gaultieri, Meaghan Smith, Shemira Sheriff, SBunzy (Christine), Sarah Frank, Katlyn Hillier, Brenda Young

Teacher Update

Jan Laffin

- Remote learning until at least Feb 10
- Appreciate the help of parents when dealing with many children online.

Admin Update

Shemira Sheriff

- Children remain engaged despite being outside of school.
- Special moments when you get to put a face to the name.

Paul Davis Speaker

- 99 parents plus attended the online event.
- Kendra—positive feedback and great to know we're doing the right thing.
 - In person may have been a little better
 - More parents could have benefitted.
- More than 75% of children have tech in their bedrooms.

Staff learning

- Anti black racism and anti racism in general
- Staff are being trained on how to deal with racism and difficult conversations.
- Looking at equity—what is in the classroom, what is in the community, what is in the library
- Kind, respectful and we all need to work together.
 - We are going to focus on successful Canadians. What do you have in common—how are you alike? This will help to start conversations on race.
- How do you address things as learning and not punishment?
- Want all children to feel accepted in class.
- 2x per month on equity training to work better to support staff.

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Principals report

PRO Grant

- Parent reaching out grant.
- Allows for guest speakers.
- 20% for food (maybe?)
- What can we do to increase parent engagement through this grant?
- Kendra needs to approve.
- All in favor of the grant.

Questions

- Thank you to Jean Steckle staff, and their families during this time.
 - Times are unprecedented and teachers have been amazing.
- Kaitlyn—daughter loves google classes.
 - Curious as to those who are in the same grades who have different work and different workloads.
 - What are the parameters for the teachers i.e., how many classes are there to be daily? Etc.
 - Andrea: Minimum amount of synchronous time—face to face on camera
 - Kindergarten is 180 minutes.
 - 225 minutes for the rest of the students
 - Try to provide at least 2 lessons and then there may be small breakout rooms or the teacher is online, and students are able to chat as they need to
- No expectation that parents attend but it is a good idea to be in earshot.
- Discussion re: safety to be had around skating and activities on the pond behind the school.