

Admiral's Academy School Council Meeting

Wednesday, 04.19.2023

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	
Adam Warren	Admiral's Academy	X	
Christa Carleton	Parents	X	
Melissa Hudson	Parents	X	
Kerry Martin	Parents	X	
Andrew Mouland	Parents		X
Kristopher Viens	Parents	X	

Meeting Minutes:

Agreement of previous minutes: (John)

- Accepted

New Business

1. Playground Updates (John)

- Order at warehouse and installation will be scheduled within the next month when weather conditions improve

2. General School Update/Recap (John)

- Teaching allocations for 2023/2024 – 22 home rooms (increased by one for next year) – 3 kindergarten, 2 grade one, 3 grade 2, 3 grade 3, 3 grade 4, 3 grade 5, 3 grade 6 (one will be ICF), and 2 grade 7. Specialists went down slightly, and IRT allocation did not increase with increased needs coming in.
- Kinderstart #2 went well with students were introduced to music
- Kinderstart #3 Friday, April 28 and will be focused on Phys Ed

- Admirals Academy is participating in an exciting PL with the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) of Sept/Oct 2023 – UFLI Literacy Program (pronounced you-fly). Admirals is looking to cost-share with 4-5 other schools for a virtual session for next school year.
- PL on March 28th was multifaceted: school development – new strategic evidence based decision making – develop actions with the school development team, as well as PL focussed on pilot program mClass – Admirals is the only school in Canada currently participating. mClass compliments assessment Dibbles – allows for electronic groupings and suggested activities based on gaps assessment. Admirals secured pilot training at no cost and hoping to continue with it next year.
- PL day June 6th –RTL responsive teaching and learning
- Spring concert – a great turnout for the 4/5 concert, a nice compliment combining music, social studies, NL heritage, was really nice to have it back and parents really enjoyed it.
- Band – Looking to purchase wireless microphones, percussion equipment
 - Thursday, May 4th the band will be playing for Rotary Music Festival at MUN School of Music
 - Tuesday, May 30th band concert
 - June 8th Frank Roberts spring concerts
 - Considering taking the performance to Admirals Coast retirement home later part of June.
- Fundraising \$7,500 for 50/50 so far – growing slowing
- Ms. Ryan put together a little video with Kindergarten students to encourage ticket sales, daily poster, retweet and share on Facebook
- Early bird draw yesterday – 3 more on Friday
- Mr. Warren will run a 5/6 baseball team. A parent coach has volunteered to run a 3/4 baseball team; Mr. Mille will coach grade 7 soccer.
- Admirals have given permission to the Town of CBS to use the school field for soccer with the agreement that they will finish the fence.
- Running club run by Ms. Ivy, Ms. Ryan, Ms. White, and others will take place in the mornings before school
- Literacy Week upcoming – details will be shared with families as soon as available

Other Items for Discussion:

1. Grade 6 Farewell Plans

- o Students/parents should check with grade 6 teachers for any planned activities (not all students leave, some stay). Last year small celebrations/fun day outings were held. Leaving elementary curriculum/school experience is a big deal for students and parents.

2. Grade 7 graduation plans

- o Grade 7 teachers are planning a year end fun day – last year they walked to the bowling lane, had a bbq, and will likely plan something similar

3. Kindergarten transition to grade one

- o There are no major changes for K students transitioning to grade one. Students will enter and exit from the main school doors. Class sizes will increase slightly as they go from 3 Kindergarten classes to 2-grade one classes.

4. Kindergarten concert

- o A year-end Kindergarten concert is being planned for Friday, June 9 at 10:45am. It will be a concert with some poems and songs performed by each class. The concert will be approximately 1 hour.

5. School mascot and colours contest – considering a spring contest to generate school mascot ideas that can kick start the 2023/2024 school year

- o Looking to send a letter out in early May to ask students for ideas.
- o Students will vote/decide and the winning idea will be designed professionally.
- o Keeping with the ocean theme, ocean colors are easy for parents, blue is an easy colour, but giving the school community an opportunity to have a say.
- o Anticipating having a school name and mascot by the end of this school year

6. Other Fundraising for 2022/2023 school year

- o No other fundraisers are planned at this time. We will review 2023/2024 fundraising plans in June to discuss what we want to do next year – may look at one earlier in the school year and one later.

Roundtable: (all)

- No roundtable items

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 10, 2023 @ 3:45pm