# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> –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
  - o Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the band will be playing for Rotary Music Festival at MUN School of Music
  - o Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> band concert
  - o June 8<sup>th</sup> Frank Roberts spring concerts
  - o 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

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