

School Council / H&S meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

Sir Arthur Currie Public School

Attendees: Andrew Clark, Jacklyn Varanelli, Sue Bruyns (Principal) , Sara Johnson, Sarah Cheatham, Rie Shirakawa, Jennifer Charlton, Carla Badawi, Steph Hamel (Fox Hollow Community Centre), Traci Cummings, Corey Comrie, ,Joanna Lestos (Vice Principal), Praty Bose, Sharon Bryant (Vice Principal), Christine Lozon-(Whitehills Child Care), Jason Miller, Lyndsay Orr, Angela, Shaheda, Joel and Eunice Chavis, Branko , Faisal, Kaan Ay, Sataysh, Geetika, Mir Zayed Hasan, Rema, Lora Neal (Teacher Representative) , Amanda Sousa

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS 😊

- Andrew talked to everyone about differences between home & School and School Council
- Encouraged everyone to sign up if they wanted

Admin update:

- Emergency Procedures -Joanna L
 - They use closest emergency exit and go along the back of the grass field
 - Due to Covid protocols – they are allowed to do drills separately right now
 - Portables do not hear fire alarm, so someone goes out to them and knocks to tell them to evacuate
 - All teachers have class list, green and red papers – hold up green if they have everyone, and red if missing a student to look for
 - Tornado drills/ High Wind Drills- Portables get priority to be evacuated into school first, some kids go into the gym and other kids into areas without windows
 - Kids from second floor evacuated downstairs
 - They are taping out where kids would be to plan ahead
 - Emergency codes- HOLD and SECURE -no bathroom breaks and hold kids in the room where they are safe
 - LOCKDOWN- police initiated – staff and student remain in school/ classroom and stay away from windows.
 - They practice all emergencies as drills

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy- Sharon B

- Staff did an activity on PD day around their past learnings and how this impacts them
- Working towards Anti-Racism work for Jan

Sue's Update:

- Population is at 1002. (76 online learners)
- Porta Pack is ready for occupancy -going to transition classes from parking lot paradise then they will decide if they will move them out or keep them in place. Any student will be able to use those washrooms in the porta pack.
- Can use those portables for small group instruction if they are kept
- Nutrition Break division will change- Grade 1-4 together and grade 5-8 together

- Will we still have our commissioner? Yes, hopefully before and after but not during the day since no kids are in the portables.
- Fundraising- MILK sales are now available. Spirit wear-new supplier and we will order directly from the supplier with a code.
- Essential conditions for Learning- visual of a Pyramid shown
- Each of the Grade 1's will spend time with admin team to analyze some data about their reading skills. Teachers are also gathering reading data. ELITE team- grade 2's will be looked at after progress reports and who needs some extra support. LEXIA -used for students in grade 3. EMPOWER program- 6 students in grade 4/5 who receive 60 extra minutes 1:1 with Mrs. Rae
- Progress Reports will be sent home Nov, no parent teacher interviews but you can contact your child's teacher anytime
- Extra-Curriculars – starting to open this up slowly.
 - Staff meeting tonight- they decided Intermural opportunities will start soon- starting with Volleyball. Rather than leave kids out who are not vaccinated when competing against other schools.
- School Pictures- They are prioritizing Highschool grad photos and then Gr 8 grad photos and then regular school photos so they are on hold for the fall for now
- Hangout classroom chatting on google classroom was an issue for older grades – This has been disabled now. Letter sent out to some parents

Elections/ Nominations:

- **Council-**
 - Co-Chair Jacklyn Varanelli
 - Co-Chair Traci Cummings
 - Secretary- Sara Johnson
 - Treasurer- Amanda Sousa
 - Members at Large- Lindsay Orr, Branko Vojnovic, Geetika Sharma, Michael Knauer, Mir Hasan, Cheryl Hames Clark, Sarah Cheatham, Jason Miller, Cory Comrie, Shaheda Banu, Carla Balawi, Rema El-Tawli, Anna Ferrira, Jenn Charlton

Treasurer Update- Mabel's Labels cheque came in

Safe Routes to school- Corey/ Andrew

- Kiss and Ride running more smoothly
- Student volunteers are helping out near Round-About
- Older siblings are helping out with kinder kids- 😊
- Commissionaire is helping out at Buroak Dead End
- Parents are starting to trust to hand kids off at kiss and rides
- Rainy days are harder
- 2 EA's are welcoming kids at back of school off Silver Fox through walkway- There is still lots of parking happening along the streets– Joanna is going to try and direct traffic over there moving forward
- Soon Buroak Drive is going to open up and will no longer be a “dead end” so will have to re-think our ideas about Kiss and Ride and how it will look

- We received a question about how many kids get driven who could take the bus- maybe we could cut down on the chaos of the morning if less people drove. Buses are also full from some areas so there may not be room. Joanna is trying to work with bus company to get more buses running if possible and will be creating a seating chart soon and make sure family members are sitting together
- Active transportation – There will be a walking competition to try and engage people in walking to school or walking to their bus stop. More details to come

Fundraising:

- Hot lunches still on hold- Sue is going to look into this more
- Mabel's Labels – labels for clothing and water bottles etc. if you buy with school code we get a percentage back
- Danielle will be running Spirit Wear fundraiser for the school Library
- Our main priority has been the school sign – we are over half way there

Parent Engagement Committee:

- Since we are not having re-organization of students we can start Den parents soon
- Jacklyn, Sarah and Rie will create a blurb to go out on messenger
- Anyone interested in being a Den parent can talk to Sarah C, Rie or Jacklyn

Home and School Update:

Elections:

President- Jacklyn Varanelli

Past President- Andrew Clark

Vice President- Traci Cummings

Treasurer – Cory Comrie

Secretary- Sara Johnson

Council Representative- Amanda Sousa

Members at Large- Lindsay Orr, Branko Vojnovic, Geetika Sharma, Michael Knauer, Mir Hasan, Cheryl Hames Clark, Sarah Cheatham, Jason Miller, Cory Comrie, Shaheda Banu, Carla Balawi, Rema El-Tawli, Anna Ferrira, Jenn Charlton, Mike Varanelli and Alonso Merino

Treasurer Update:

- Over \$2200 in our account
- An email will go out about how much each family owes- you will pay via EMT
- Jennifer brought up that we could offer to pay all the fees and families could just make donations. For this year; for families that cannot afford it can reach out to Andrew and we will figure out how we will pay for your portion with a slush fund.

Fundraising:

- Explained examples of what types of fundraisers we do
- Flip Give is ongoing (have to leave \$100 in account) We have \$245 raised so far
- Parameters around fundraisers
 - Fundraising plans that do not require visitors/ volunteers in schools;

- Fundraising that is online only; and
- Fundraising that is contactless.

Next Meeting is Nov 1, 2021