

Ash Lee Jefferson (ALJ) School Advisory Council (SAC)

Minutes

2020/21 - Meeting 2 – November 2, 2020 6:30pm

Attendees:

Chastity McKinnon	SAC Chair
Lynn Mills	Principal
Jennifer Cholock-Whitty	Vice-Principal
Holly O’Hearn	HRCE Staff
Jennifer McMillan	HRCE Staff
Danielle Milbrath	Community Member
Shelly Hume	Parent
Colin Murchison	Parent
Jamie Davis	Parent

Regrets:

Angela Ewing (HRCE Staff), David Tucker (Parent)

MINUTES

Meeting start 6:05pm

Principal’s Report:

1. Report to NS Public Health Authority re: COVID Measures in place

- They were Impressed with the measures put in place to date to keep children safe
- Colour-coded coat racks in halls being put in place with 6 colours, so that children can place coats on hooks and stay 6 feet apart
- Until further notice students will be able to keep indoor shoes at school

2. Students coming to school sick and with medication

- Rule is to have children medication-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

3. Lunch Play and Outdoor Play Update

- Adding Balls to outdoor play on he field - When on the field/soccer balls require sanitization
- Kids were finding the field a bit boring, so two kits of balls with sanitizer will be rotated

4. Breakfast Program

- Started last week with grab and go type food such as ‘fruit-to-go’ and granola bars, the teachers are handing these out from the basket to minimize contact.

5. Music Presentation via Zoom

- Ms. Teixeira successfully had a strings group do a zoom presentation, students watched the videos and asked questions.
- She is also working on a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony, showcasing class wreaths and artwork.

6. Halloween

- With focus on safe nutrition, students brought own snacks, wore Halloween colours.

7. Tier 1 Support and Resources/Learning Centre Support

Other Business

- Approximately 13 Chromebooks being returned from George P Vanier school that went with Grade 6's as they are older technology and of no use to them, however can be used for ALJ Primary. Still a need for Chromebooks, however each class has access to 1.5-2 hours of Chromebooks daily.
- Trying to encourage perpetual latecomers to arrive to school on time as it requires staff to leave meetings to walk children to their classrooms and interrupts class activities.
- Discussed the importance of labelling boots and sneakers should the students have the ability to leave them at school.
- Discussed preparation for winter, the plowing of the church parking lot next door, it is private property, so parents to understand it is used at their own risk. Having HRCE staff salting or shovelling is a potential liability, particularly with worker's compensation if not on school grounds.
- Discussed parent concern over children not seeing French teacher's mouth and expression while wearing masks.
- Door frames and hallway walls having paint refreshed. Staff have no concerns as no odour.
- School psychologists and Speech Pathologists will be going to 40% of time doing assessments when allowed and 60% class observation and consultation.

VOTE:

- Voted to approve purchase of 6 document cameras to have officially on record as was not documented in last meeting from prior year 2019-2020, although it had been discussed. Chastity approved motion, Colin and Danielle seconded. Vote passed for purchase in amount of \$800.
- All in favour to approve proposed spending totalling \$4820.29 (from \$5467 original budget) for the following:
 - Document Cameras x2 (Total \$384.00)
 - Chromebooks x 8 (Total \$3232.00)
 - Webcam x 3 (Total \$257.52)
 - Plastic Ringette rings D1350 x 24 (Total \$275.45)
 - Soccer Balls size 4 S01019c x 28 (Total \$157.00)
 - Shuttles x 3 (Total \$78.17)
 - Foam Volleyball x 28 (Total \$239.56)
 - Handwriting without Tears book x 12 (Total \$158.70)
 - Wood pieces set for Letters x 1 (\$37.89)
- Leaves roughly \$700 in budget, after \$300 outdoor paint voted last meeting.

Membership:

- Jamie Davis to join SAC as parent member.

Meeting closed at 7:48pm

- **NEXT MEETINGS: Monday December 7th at 6:30pm, January 4, Feb. 1, April 5, May 3, June 7th**