

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

Minutes

2020/21 - Meeting 5 – May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm

Attendees:

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

Regrets:

David Tucker (observer)

MINUTES

Meeting start 6:35pm

Opening Remarks by Chastity and Jennifer

Approval of Previous Minutes, approved by Angela and Shelley

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Summary

- **None**

Principal’s Report: (Jennifer Cholock-Whitty)

1. **Wellness Survey:** to be completed when students return.
2. **Literacy/Math Assessment:** supposed to do end of May but may be put off due to state of pandemic and the fact students are currently learning from home.
3. **Learning from home:** had plans already outlined and had been using technology in the school to prepare for the possibility if technology had to be used from home. School and staff well prepared for Plan C, learning from home. In January, teachers were given opportunity to learn technology so that they would be prepared if needed for online learning. So overall, the switch to online learning was highly successful. Primary to Grade 3 has 2 hours of learning, with 1 hour of teacher directed and one hour of independent time. Grades 4-5 have 3 hours. Teachers are working with small groups of children and then bringing students together for sharing time. Some difficulty on Friday logging in to GNSPES system, likely due to all logging in at same time. The hubs were updated to help with connectivity. Three quarters of staff are working from school, the rest working from home.

4. **Chromebooks:** Last year parents were asked to identify those that required technology, those that only had ipad access, were put on list to offer a Chromebook (78 was the count), now approximately 170 have been given out to families for online learning.
5. **Structure of Day:** trying to maintain same type of structure as in-class, although they are encouraging parents to step away from the screen and let the student engage on their own.
6. **Extra support:** Students getting the literacy and extra support required virtually.
7. **“The Social Narrowing” website:** A link sent out in last week’s communication with “The Social Narrowing” website project, where students can submit pictures (with parental permission) to encourage social interaction despite physical distancing.

VOTE: N/A

Meeting closed at 7:02pm

- **NEXT MEETING: 6:30pm: Monday, June 7th**

(To fulfill minimum 6 meeting requirement, these will need to be rescheduled if any need to be cancelled)