SAC Meeting

November 2, 2020

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| **In attendance** | **Regrets** |  |
| Gwen Butcher  Ericka Sutherland  Chandra Griatti  Carol-Anne Larade  Collette Milliard  Sarah Silver  Denise Elliott-Deptuck  Pam Stewart |  |  |
| **Item** | **Notes** | **Actions and Conversations** |
| Call to Order | 6:05 |  |
| Review and Approval of Agenda | Accepted |  |
| Review and approval of last meeting minutes | Accepted |  |
| SAC Membership | Gwen- Chair  Ericka- Secretary  Denise- Teacher member  Ericka- Teacher member  Pam- Parent member  Sarah- Parent member | Need one more parent member  Need 3 Community members  Collette will contact Katherine MacDonald, remind her of meetings  Collette and Carol Anne: Contact Donna, the bus driver, and see if she would be interested and able to support |
| Principal’s report | Writing Piece as a goal:   * Early oral language development- phonemic awareness piece. * Speech recommended purchasing Haggerty, and she will support the teachers to implement * Have purchased for P and 1 to support front loading * Discussion about what a phonemic awareness program is and how it differs from phonics * Older grades- we have a call out for a Literacy coach to support writing in upper grade classrooms   COVID 19 update   * Fundraising is on hold, but we have access to our student support grant that we can access- wanted to discuss with SAC the possibility to use some of that money to support the playscape project where they cannot fundraise. We have $5300 from this year and around $2500 from last year. * Also- chromebooks are still being requested. | Collette has also put in a request for a Math Coach, as we had 3 teachers request support.  Parent question:  In the assessments, what are writing conventions?   * Grammar, punctuation and spelling   Ideas and organization are the big ticket items when it comes to writing.  We want to ensure a balance between all of the writing traits.  Parent question:  Is there something that exists for students in the upper grades that support organization, spelling, etc. for students struggling?  Noted the absence of spelling tests and that repetition piece of learning.  Due to time: move discussion of writing to the next meeting  Playscape Discussion  $215, 000 was the quote for the playscape  Outdoor classroom  Sarah Silverman- if we are able to support and fill the gaps so that the spaces can be used.  Finishing the benches: we need to stain and finish the benches, there was some concern regarding clothing being ruined by the roughness of the wood.  We need to figure out what are the needs and what are the pieces we can support with?    Chromebooks:  In grades 4 and 5 there is approximately one chromebook for every 2 students. What would it cost to ensure all grade 4 and 5 students have access to a Chromebook> $300-400 each and we would probably need 50ish.  Moved to the next meeting:  To get data on what is needed and then use that data to make the decision.  Chandra is concerned that we are pushing the decision off again, and wants to ensure that students have the access to the Chromebooks in case students need to learn at home. She feels that the Chromebooks are the number one priority over the playscape.  Gwen wants to ensure that we have the pieces that are needed to support the outdoor learning pieces?  Sarah added the increased push to ensure that students are getting opportunities to work in an open air environment.  Chandra wondered if there are grants that are available to purchase Chromebooks |
| SSP Plan for 2020-2021 | Deferred due to time |  |
| Old Business | Deferred due to time |  |
| New Business | How do we make this group more accessible to parents? | Facebook Page?   * As a school, we can’t promote the use of a FB page. * Carol-Anne suggested a Google form that would allow parents to respond to asn ask questions |
| Questions | How can we promote and support extra-curricular and special programs during COVID?   * Pam was looking for ways to encourage parent participation and to share ideas and things that would support their students at home. | Carol Anne suggested that we might be able to explore google classroom that might be able to support  Carol-Anne will contact Mario to see if that would be a good platform and how that might work |
| Public Input | NIL |  |
| Other | NIL |  |
| Next Meeting | November 16, 6:00 | Beforehand- send out a summary of what the teachers are requesting. Tell teachers that they need to reply with their needs list by November 13th to be compiled.  Gwen will assemble a list to send out the SAC |
| Adjournment | 7:15 |  |