

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Minutes

Monday April 4th, 2022

Time/Attendance: Anne Tervit, Andrew Hughes, Ariela Koldorf, Christine Munro, Cathy Murray, Jennifer Richardson, Tara Filteau, Efi Marks, Samantha MacDonald, Melinda Brennan, Atya Noor

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Melinda Brennan

Seconded by: Jennifer Richardson

Administration Report:

Per Principal Tervit:

- Elizabeth Wilshire – new social worker to the school to support racially diverse student populations
 - o Was introduced today
 - o Our school is very diverse
- Black History Month:
 - o A few things took place at the school
 - Gr. 7s created a mural of notable figures in the black community
 - Gr. 8s created Black History Month celebration to share with other intermediates in the gym; discussed accomplishments of people in the community
- New multi-faith room in the school for students who require a space to pray
 - o In the office – privacy with moderate supervision; students just need to tell their teacher(s) that they need to go use the prayer room
- Book fair is coming up – 1 evening 4-6 for parents to come in with their kids
- All furniture was delivered to classrooms during March break; teachers have slowly been re-adjusting their classrooms to allow for transition for the students
- Staffing challenges continue and covid cases are increasing in the school with students and staff
 - o Unfilled vacancies is still a real challenge
- Staffing report for 2022/2023 is already done; planning for next year is underway

Staff Report:

Per School Staff:

- April assembly coming up at the end of the month, by division
- Extra curricular is starting to open up again

Community Rep Report

Myrlene Boken

N/A – Myrlene could not attend the meeting

Revisited Business:

Character Assembly update:

N/A

Sports/Clubs update:

-Jr. girls & boys basketball

- Focus is skill development

-Gr. 7 & 8 at basketball intramurals currently

-There will be opportunity for other sports

-Track & field will only be at the school this year

-Badminton club & drama club are running currently

Kiss and Ride update:

-Not opening at the moment

-Anne is working with the town & health unit to work on a plan

- How can drop-off be more convenient and safer in the mornings?

Hot lunch/Lunchbox update:

-Hot lunch is on Wednesday

-Evaluate expansion of options after the initial couple of weeks for the test run

Graduation update:

-Currently looking at permits & dates; hoping to be able to do graduation in person, if it is safe to do so

Update on when volunteers will be able to return to help:

-Parents are not allowed in the building while staff are in the building (as per SCDSB)

Fundraising Report

The Parlour fundraiser night

-10% will go back to the school

-Thursday May 5th

Pro-Grant

Update on event:

-Application got approved; waiting for Indigenous Education department to have someone from the team inform us of the planning process & protocols

PIC Update

PIC Connections 2.0 – April 19th, 6:30-8:30

-virtual; open to all parent council members

-guest speaker & virtual groups, along with meeting PIC rep

New Business

J-Walking education initiative – update:

-The town will be making a video for the community

-Continuing to look at kiss & ride, etc

Dismissal Tara & Jenn

Next meeting: May 2nd, **Tuesday** June 7th – potential date change for June?