

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Agenda

Monday December 6th, 2021

Time/Attendance: Anne Tervit, Andrew Hughes, Ariela Koldorf, Cathy Murray, Samantha McDonald, Jenifer Richardson, Melinda Brennan, Jessica Turloukis, Natalie Graham (town of Innisfil), Tara Filteau, Christine Munroe, Effie Marks

6:31 pm

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Tara Filteau

Seconded by: Jennifer Richardson

Administration Report

- Lunchbox program/ one off hot lunch in January
 - Anne has spoken with gr. 7 & 8 teachers re: students to take leadership role in supporting distribution
 - Once weekly, likely subs
- Character Assembly update
 - One planned for December (next week) & then on a regular basis for the remainder of the year
- Holiday Happenings ie. PJ day, hat day, holiday wear etc.
 - Snuggle into December was a success
 - Some more spirit days are planned for the month
 - Food/toy/hat-mitten drive is a success so far
 - Community has been generous
- Sports/Clubs update
 - Still in the works; logistics are being worked out (ie. Cohorts, vaccinated/unvaccinated etc)
- Home PCR test update
 - Kits have arrived at the school
 - Waiting for direction on distribution from school board
- Kiss and Ride update
 - Will remain closed until Covid protocols change due to safety of staggered entry
- Email Communication
 - School emails are coming from Anne's name, not Alcona Glen's account
 - Can emails come through school account so that parents recognize it quicker?
 - Communication that comes directly from Anne is messaging that she would like the community to have directly from her
 - Miscommunication re: snuggle into December & wearing pj's
 - Students do not have to donate to participate in snuggle into December
 - How do we find out that buses are cancelled?
 - SCDSB/AGES twitter/Instagram; bus portal; Facebook page (when possible)
 - What are some things that parents may want to hear in a newsletter?
 - Special events, what's happening around the school (ie. Sports, clubs, etc.)
 - Reminder emails before a special event (ie. weekly)
 - More consistency with posting what is happening in classrooms (ie. FDK)
 - Can we get visuals of the classrooms via photos or video?

- Update on when volunteers will be able to return to help?
 - This is dependent on covid case counts & the health unit/protocols are changed

Community Rep Report

- Myrlene Boken (Jennifer has an update)
 - Looking for parent volunteers on Dec. 10th 9-12 & 15th 12-? (finish) to unload hampers in Cookstown
- Innisfil Idealab and Library
 - No update this month – Natalie may be able to find some additional information about happenings over the holidays (brochure?)

Fundraising Report

- Dominos Pizza night update
 - \$230 was raised; to go to C4K

Pro-Grant

- ProGrant applications due FEB 4th!
 - Application will be handed in
 - Do we want to stick to just indigenous community, or do we want to expand to reflect the school community?
- Who wants to be a part of a sub-committee to plan and organize this?
 - Tara, Ariela, Effie to be in the sub-committee – to meet early January
 - Parents in this wider school community will get an opportunity to join sub-committee

PIC Update

- There is no update this month

New Business

- J-Walking education initiative – town update, staff update
 - Is there interest via school staff re: taking part in initiative
 - Natalie is currently working on creating a video re: J-walking
 - Town has contributed \$1500 to the video
 - If video is under budget, funds may be able to be used for signs, etc.
 - Looking for feedback from council re: Alcona Glen partnering with town to film the video/timing
 - School can definitely partner with the town on this as long as it is outdoors
 - The town can contribute towards advertising in social media & community
- Colours of the World crayon program - have these been purchased?
 - They have been distributed to staff & kids have access to them now
 - More money was spent on these than originally planned; approved by Anne

Questions/Additional Items:

- Do parents get a class picture from picture day?
 - This wasn't part of photos this year due to covid; adding a class photo composite may come at an extra cost

Dismissal: 7:27

Next meeting: February 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th