

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Agenda

Monday November 1st, 2021

Time/Attendance: Anne Tervit, Andrew Hughes, Jennifer Richardson, Jessica Tourloukis, Samantha McDonald, Merlene Boken, Christine Munro, Melinda Brennan, Efi Marks, Leanne Ellis, Shoika, Ariela Koldorf, Tara Filteau, Cahty Murray, Kimmony Nou,

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Jennifer Richardson

Seconded by: Tara Fileau

Administration Report

- Welcome Principal Tervit
- Lunchbox program update
 - still in the process of putting this together; not ready to go yet
 - hope to have an update next meeting
- Character Assembly update
 - After student-led conferences, staff will look at initiating character assemblies
 - Hoping to start end of November and then monthly
 - Virtual assembly; pre-recorder and shared with school community to access
- Sports/Clubs update
 - no inter-school for gr. 7/8, but can offer intramurals for gr. 7/8 (may be able to mix cohorts)
 - gr. 6 and under cannot have any sports or clubs at the moment as they are not yet vaccinated
 - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) is currently running by 2 staff (gr. 5 & FDK teachers)
 - Admin is looking into possibly get more extra curricular activities start up, but need to explore health & safety (covid) guidelines & restrictions
- Book fair is being run this week
 - Purchasing online is an option – school receives less funds this way
- Remembrance day is coming this week
 - Cash donations will not be collected this year
 - School council to vote re: making donation on behalf of the school (\$100)
 - Motion to donate \$100 from Parent Council to Remembrance day fund\
 - Jennifer motioned & Efi seconded
 - Vote passed
- Student-led conferences this week
- Holiday tree donations in December
 - No money to be collected, but mitts & hats, food items can be left under the tree
 - Admin to explore logistics of adding toys to this drive to support C For Kids
 - Can students bring down the toys?
 - Can parent council volunteers support with managing toy drive donations?

Community Rep Report

- Myrlene Boken (C For Kids)
 - Needs continue to be high; partially due to rising living costs
 - Some clients on list due to illness in family; therefore not being able to work
 - Close to 170 families on the list; close to 500 kids in need
 - Alcona Glenn continues to be a school that the organization services
 - Most schools are able to do toy & food drives this year – is Alcona Glenn able to do this?
 - Yes, the school will be running it this year
 - Ten food items that are in high need – list will be sent to the school
 - List of food & toys can be shared with community
 - Admin will receive a list of students that are currently being serviced
 - Admin can also send Myrlene a list of students that they would like to add to the list and she will contact them
 - Currently in process of raising \$30,000 for year-round costs
 - Working on providing families in need with warm coats & boots
 - once Alcona Glenn starts gift card fundraiser, C For Kids will purchase through the school
- Innisfil Idealab and Library
 - Book bag programs for classrooms or families
- <https://www.innisfilidealab.ca/book-bag-programs/>
 - After school programs are starting up
- <https://innisfil.bibliocommons.com/events>
 - PA Day this Friday – virtual games 1:30-2:30
 - Lakeshore branch currently has a remembrance day display – can write a veteran’s name on a poppy and put it up on the glass wall

Fundraising Report

- Dominos Pizza night –do we want to do one?
 - “Raise The Dough” night
 - \$25.99 – 2 pizzas (2 toppings) & bread
 - Tues/Wed/Thurs nights
 - \$5 goes back to the school
 - Can we take some of the money raised in November/December and give the proceeds to C For Kids?
 - Alcona Glenn did this last year
 - Jennifer will contact Dominos – 1st week of December
- Fundraising Plan
 - Admin typically shares the plan with the rest of council
 - Will be shared at next month’s meeting

Pro-Grant (gov’t funding to bring school community together)

- Any ideas if we can apply in the New Year?
 - Usually around \$500 per school
 - Can apply until end of February
 - Possibly work with other schools and do a series of events

- Last year we worked with 7 Innisfil & Barrie schools
 - Multiculturalism & inclusion last year
 - This year possible awareness & education around indigenous matters & advocating on behalf of the indigenous community
 - Possibly 1 activity outdoors towards the end of the year (story teller/art, etc)
- To be further discussed next meeting

PIC Update (Parent Involvement Committee)

- Connections night (Oct. 22)
- Jennifer & Tara attended
 - Jennifer attended presentation re: pro grant
 - Tara attended presentation re: self-regulation
 - Free program (morning session & evening session Nov. 3 – Jan. 12)
 - clethbridge@scdsb.on.ca to enroll

New Business

- Garabage collection & Road safety & J-Walking education initiative
 - Connecting streets to Alcona Glenn continues to be challenging
 - New garbage bins are causing additional challenges for drop off and pick up
 - J-Walking continues to be an issue at the school
 - Explore intermediate initiative for J-walking awareness campaign?
 - Can have students be part of awareness & advocacy, videos, etc
 - Cannot use the students to act as physical/visual cues to community
 - Can safety signs be placed on school lawn or have an art contest for a j-walking sign?
 - Possibly ask the town to create the signs
 - Use school's social media to create awareness
 - Explore additional ideas with intermediate students
- Colours of the World crayon program
 - Can we get sets of these crayons in all classes, especially primary
 - 2 packs of crayons gr. 3 & under; 2 packs markers gr. 4 & up with some extra packs in storage
 - Max. of \$200 to spend
 - Motion for parent council to spend a maximum of \$200 on Colours of the World
 - Tara brought forth motion; Ariela seconded
 - Vote passed
 - Christine Munro can order through prime & drop off at school if needed

Dismissal: 7:45 p.m.

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