

Atlantic View Elementary School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Summary- April 21, 2022

In attendance- Carole DesBarres, Lisa Nicholson, Renee Curry, Margaret Sellars, Jennifer Eamer, Bernice McKenzie, Natalie Vézina

Regrets- Abigail MacEachern, Liana Field, Shaunna McNamara,

Call to order: 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda: Bernice

Approval of previous meetings minutes: Natalie and Renee

Previous meeting's business

SAC grant

- 2020-2021 budget: \$5002 remaining
- This year: \$5139
 - o Some spent on new books for the library, classroom libraries, and school supplies
 - o More books to be purchased and materials for STEM carts

Outdoor learning space update

- Date WAS TBD, but their ears were burning and they started working on it the next day!

School improvement plan update:

Literacy goal

- P-2 priority, pressure on teachers for kids that might not be meeting targets but are making progress

Math

- Working towards goals, no significant changes

Well-being

- Field trips have been a huge part of boosting well-being

New business

SAC input-> physical activity framework

- Govt mandate for more activity in all aspects of day
- 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per day
- SAC members present watched framework video and filled out online questionnaire

Enrollment 2022-2023 and bell schedule

- Enrollment dropping, currently 14 enrolled for pre-primary
- Back to split classes for all grades
- School has requested to shift recess and lunch to allow more time for rotating staff to have time with each grade

Provincial assessments

- Happening after the May long weekend

Afterschool program

- 23 on waitlist
- The program is asking for more space to allow for more kids
- Is it possible for them to move to the community center, other space?

Class trips

- Pottery lab, Lion King @ Prince Andrew High

Safe Arrival

- System is disconnected from reportable absences, makes reporting applicable absences to Public Health difficult
- Report doesn't tally numbers for sick, vacation etc.

Schools Plus

- Grade 5 home alone program focuses on being safe, cost covered by Schools Plus
- Friendship groups for grade 2s and 3s encourages lunch activities and provides presentation
- Occurs on Mondays

Pandemic update

- Masks now optional
- Staffing still challenging, non-licensed teachers now available to sub?

Special reports

Gaga pit- new crusher dust, reopened!

Front garden boxes- flowers this year

Tattletales annual book campaign- school sponsored reading for \$

Big Crunch- apple eating fun!

Healthy schools grant- skipping grant for \$2000, jump ropes for all kids, fancy ropes for use in school

Nourish NS- grade 5 won a healthy recipe contest

Date for next meeting

June 2 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm