



Kingswood Elementary

School Advisory Council

Minutes for October 19, 2021 (virtual)

Present: Andrea Briand (Principal), Carrie McBay (VP), Martha Walsh (VP), Glenda Lush (Chair/parent) Rhonda Izzard (staff), Jacklyn O’Leary (Teacher), Vanessa Valentini (parent), Matt Coffin (parent), Kelli Crocker (parent), Rachana Samtaney (parent), Alexis Lister (parent), Keely Hollis (parent)

#	Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
1	Call to Order/Approval of Agenda	Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm	
2	Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes	1 st Glenda Lush 2 nd Martha Walsh	
3	Business Arising from the Minutes	None	
4	Reports	<p>Principal’s Report</p> <p>1. School update</p> <p>Officially at 900 students (today!) We’ve received an additional 50% teacher (Amy Mitchell) who will be working 2 full days a week (side-by-side in the classroom doing team teaching, assessment, teaching while other teacher assesses) to support classes that are over cap</p> <p>2. What’s Happened</p> <p>ERS meeting: morning data collection completed. Martha has arranged an afternoon data collection date. Students walking and arriving by vehicle. This afternoon, safety issues with vehicle behaviours considered. Meeting Nov 1 for next steps with the HRM. Lots of notes taken around parking/driving behaviours. Data collected will be used to formulate a plan that must be approved by HRM.</p> <p>PD day went well.</p> <p>Virtual curriculum night – presentation went home. No negative feedback received. Lots of effort by teachers to make it a success.</p>	

		<p>Current approach to managing COVID is restricting school access to essential meetings and encouraging parents to call for child pick-up.</p> <p>Terry Fox Run: \$1200+ collected for cancer research. The date was moved due to bad weather.</p> <p>HRM came out to assess the parking situation and signage</p> <p>Picture Day: photos were taken on Oct 12, 13, 14. Pre-Primary was on the 12. Library was shut down for a few days to facilitate the pictures but the librarians read to the kids.</p> <p>Orange shirt day and Truth & Reconciliation day activities took place at age appropriate level (residential schools and the current plight of indigenous people among the topics discussed).</p> <p>Grade 6 assessments happened as soon as permitted, which allowed for make-up/ catch time for those who missed them. The students certainly did their best. Information from the assessments is used to let us know how our students are doing in literacy and math. We can see areas that we as teachers need to reteach or do more in order to ensure that our students are successful at meeting the Grade level benchmarks. Results inform the teaching approaches.</p> <p>3. What's Coming Up</p> <p>International Dwarfism Awareness Day – next Monday (October 25). Families are encouraged to wear green</p> <p>Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony – too big for everyone to gather</p> <p>Picture re-takes (Nov 10)</p> <p>PSA asked what the principal wanted: picnic tables for outside the portables to allow additional working spaces</p> <p>2x portables (14). Clayton Developments are having the picnic tables built and will be donated</p>	
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5	New Business	<p>1. Questions</p> <p>Boundary Review for new school? Discussion around how the new school would open and then possible impacts on teachers, schools, schedules, programming (FI/English).</p> <p>How did the picnic table donation come about? Jennifer Cooper with the PSA approached the Clayton Developments, one of the developers of the West Bedford subdivision for picnic table donations.</p>	

		Not enough test kits arrived initially. More arrived today and Ms. Treen's class will be getting their test kits tomorrow.	
6	Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	Next meeting set for November 16, 2021 Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm	