
Parkdale Parent Advisory Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021

Attendees

Leanne Axelsen, Mary Lynn Kary, Scott White, Laurie Andrusiak, Sandra Wilson, Arie Gagnon, Christie Bedford


Agenda

Last Meeting

- 1.

New Business

2. Introductions
 3. History of Parkdale Parent Advisory Council
 - a. Discussed how we have traditionally had a difficult time getting parents, easier to run as an Advisory Council. There is at this time no separate bank account, the bank account was closed 2 years ago and the money put into the school generated funds account and labelled as playground.
 4. Election for position of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary
 - a. Chairperson - Laurie Andrusiak
 - b. Vice-Chair - Christie Bedford
 - c. Secretary - Mary Lynn Kary and Sandra Wilson will take the minutes
 5. Trustee Report - Leanne Axelsen
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- a. First Board Meeting of the year was today. Board Highlights on the website. Our Division has decided to be closed on Thursday, September 30th in honor of Residential School Survivors. This is the best option in order to be respectful. Adjusting the calendar to cover the missed minutes. Still want a focus this week to be on truth and reconciliation. Learning about residential schools. Show what we are willing to learn. Want it to be like the honoring for Remembrance Day.
 - b. Summer School Report - great success and keeps expanding
 - c. Elections coming up - Nominations are closed. Ward 3 - west of QE2 - Kyle Dorchester acclaimed. Further west - Karen Becker acclaimed. Elections in town and north of town. VOTE on the 18th
 - d. Centennial Portables - cost to reclaim portables too much. Grant to help with the removal and the cost of them. There is a need to make some decisions, but waiting on information to make decisions.
 - e. COVID restrictions - should be some more information coming out about this. Superintendents had lots of questions about it - government will be coming back with more guidance.
 - f. Enrollment is up this year across the division
 - g. Leanne is always available to answer questions for parents if they need. Her contact information is available on the WRPS website.
6. Principal Report
- a. Staffing -
 - i. ECS - Mrs. Urano - 17 students
 - ii. Gr 1 - Mrs. Ritchie - 26 students
 - iii. Gr 2 - Ms. Bargholz - 18 students
 - iv. Gr 3 - Mrs. Graff/Mr. Lau - 19 students
 - v. Gr 4 - Ms. Goodrich/Mrs. Pezderic/Mr. Lau - 26 students
 - vi. Gr 5 - Mrs. Quinton - 24 students
 - vii. Gr 6/7/8 - Ms. Engram/Mr. Bjornsson/Mrs. Craik/Mr. White/Mr. Lau
 1. Gr 6 - 37 students - we broke it into 2 classes
 2. Gr 7 - 28 students
 3. Gr 8 - 32 students
 - viii. Literacy Teachers - Ms. Goodrich/Mrs. Pezderic

- ix. Inclusion Coach/Vice-Principal - Mrs. Kary
 - x. Principal - Mrs. Wilson
 - b. Student Enrolment - Currently have 227 students registered, we are getting new registrations daily - 92 or more new students
 - c. School Covid Protocols - We are still sanitizing hands upon entry to the school and classrooms, we are sending sick students home, if we have a parent confirm COVID then we send a generic letter home.
 - d. Provincial Achievement Tests - they will be written
 - e. Future meetings -November 9th, February 8, April 12 and June 7th (Tuesdays) at 5:00pm
7. Vice-Principal Report
- a. Learning Support for students - starting off with meeting all of the kids and working on relationships and bonding within the classroom. Going over routines and procedures. The more predictable and structured the routine can be, the more learning that can occur.
 - b. Baseline assessments - LENS assessment - government is asking us to do assessments in grades 2 and 3 to see where and if deficits occur and there could be more funding for the students. We want to find out where the students are at and teach them from there. Students in grades 2 to 8 are doing a math assessment called the MIPI - we find out who needs extra support and can fill in the gaps. Students in grades 5 to 8 will be doing a STAR reading assessment - this is new to the division this year. Will help us to see who needs support. Students in grades 2 to 4 will do a Fountas and Pinnell reading assessment to check fluency, accuracy and comprehension. HLAT. writing assessment will also be done. This is a good indicator to see the flow in the writing. The goal of any assessment is what can I do to help the student grow. Encouraging small group teaching to encourage students to grow.

Teacher Report

1. Busy start up
2. Sports teams - no spectators at this time



Next Meeting Agenda Items

1. Date - November 9th