

ALEXANDER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ÉCOLE ALEXANDER PARK PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL
AGM Agenda APES Library – Monday, October 5th, 2020 – 3:30pm

3:39 start

In attendance:

Bob Wilson
Liz Anstiss
Nancy Jenson
Caren Nagao
Sandra Beckett
Laura Shaw

1. Approval of agenda

- approval of agenda - motioned by Liz, seconded by Laura
- approval of minutes - motioned by Liz, seconded by Laura

2. Definition of executive positions, executive elections

- Laura nominates Sue Olsen as treasurer Liz Anstiss seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote
 - Liz nominates Nancy Jenson for president, Laura seconded the nomination - unanimous vote
 - Laura motioned to allow the executive to fill vacant positions throughout the year as needed. Danielle seconded the motion. All in favour.
- On Nov 2 Sue Olsen nominated Laura Shaw for secretary, Bri Martion seconded the nomination.

Positions to fill:

- hot lunch coordinator (is a signing officer)
- fundraising coordinator
- vice president

3. President's Report

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Principal's Report

- Thank you to everyone for coming
- in the building, things are progressing as expected - bulletin boards are all around the school and photos of these will be posted on FB/website
- finding out how teachers are reaching out to parents - we are encouraging communication wherever we can
- classrooms: carpets are gone (not easy to sanitize)

- some teachers wear masks, some don't
- teachers who aren't regularly in the classroom wear masks
- focus on handwashing techniques
- for the children, things aren't extremely different (just not sharing supplies, food, cups, etc.)
- parents are really doing well at keeping kids home when sick (this is appreciated!)
- staff are still being very cautious but getting more comfortable with 'new normal'
- school success plan - we took last year's plan and updated it (it will be presented to the board next week). New this year - student engagement. Parent engagement is primary to increase student engagement.
- watching for barriers for parents that prevent them from being engaged - shared expectations
- making sure there is adequate connections between families and aboriginal support workers
- custodians have a sprayer now - using a hospital grade disinfectant - food grade vital oxide - clings to surfaces (used after school and neutralized before the kids come in the morning)

6. Teacher's Report

- different level of stress getting through the curriculum with all the handwashing, etc.
- plexiglass (preferably without the gap) needed for desks (for teaching word sounds)
- teaching children who have missed 3 months of school is challenging
- not seeing their colleagues in the staff room, etc. makes for a different atmosphere
- kids are unaware of this
- need more teacher allowance to accommodate for changes, sanitizer (apple island, or Greg Ehman)
- will find out how many additional containers are needed

7. Hot Lunch update

- PAC site is called apes.parentcouncil.net
- Neil from DQ on board to do chicken strips with fruit all in a bag
- hot lunch can go ahead - Bob Wilson will just check the safety protocols (food safe precautions plus covid considerations)

8. Projects and activities

- show what you grow - send pics in and Bob will post a gallery (Bob will find the best email to send those to)
- mascot project still going - once chosen, this could be printed on cups, hoodies
- fundraiser through IGA - poinsettias (Danielle = contact person)

9. Date for next meeting(s) Nov 2 at 3:30

10. AOB

11. Adjournment 4:45