

Alexander Park Elementary School/ Ecole Alexander Park

Meeting Minutes- Parent Advisory Council

Location: APES Library- Nov 9, 2020

In attendance:

Nancy Jensen

Bob Wilson

Sandra Beckett

Sue Olsen

Liz Anstiss

Aradhna Kaintura

Rhonda Smith

Laura Shaw

1. Meeting called to order 3:44
2. Approval of agenda -Liz, Laura seconded the motion
3. Approval of minutes- Liz, Laura seconded the motion
4. Principal's report
 - it has been a very busy month!
 - there is a new senior mgmt team in the district. This is changing decision-making processes and leadership
 - kids are happy and well
 - field trips are starting again - with volunteer training (and covid training) for parents
 - Nov 11 virtual Remembrance day assembly that APES is a big part of will be hosted from GSS
 - parent engagement discussion with trustees - parents need to feel involved in school

-Bob Wilson presented at the board on play (imagination/building narrative/act out things) and how this relates to academic achievement, specifically reading comprehension (which has a lot to do with connecting to familiar experiences)

-Early Learning Framework and Play Today - links attached

-seamless day - one drop off and one pick up no matter what times those are (youth care will be coordinated which allows parents to not have multiple transitions throughout the day)

-school attendance has been strong! Staying home when kids aren't feeling well has really helped everyone stay strong

-teachers have been amazing at adapting on the fly whenever needed - great work!

5. Teacher's report

-thank you to the PAC for the hand sanitizer

-thank you to parents for the changes during drop off and pick up. Please remember to give space to others while waiting for your child

-skiing, snow shoeing, skating is on hold right now - because of covid rules and they could cause injury and a strain on TOC's

-trying to free up some space in the science room for some things from dirt land and would like to offload some of the PAC items from hot lunch (crock pots, containers, toasters, hot dog machine, etc.)

6. Treasurer's report

-Gaming account: \$10 083.15

-Chequing account: \$1925.06

-just waiting for the paperwork at the credit union to be complete

-will move everything to on-line banking

7. Hotlunches report

-just working on the protocols now

-lunches will be pre-packaged. Teachers will receive a tray for their class (labelled)

8. Fundraising report

-sold 221 poinsettias - pick up will be the last week of Nov (3:30-5:00 in the gym)

-will do a coffee fundraiser after the poinsettia one is complete

9. President's report

-Nancy has been to the credit union to get the paperwork rolling

-thank you to the staff for the great work that everyone is doing

-looking into possibility of Santa's breakfast

10. AOB

-mascots - we will push this project to after Christmas

-possibility of purchasing a class set of toboggans

-next meeting Dec 7 3:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned - 4:50
