

Ecole Agnes Davidson School Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, 7pm

1. Welcome/Gratitude
 - a. Attendance: Kelly Sparks, Terra Leggat, Michelle Kuling, Megan Cummins, Alison Alma-North, Carrie Boschman, Donna Whitton, Brie Schindel, Danielle Fletcher, Pam DeCicco, Terena Wiggers
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by Alison Alma-North, seconded by Donna Whitton
3. Approval of March 8, 2022 Minutes
 - a. Approved by Michelle Kuling, seconded by Pam DeCicco
4. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (Terra)
 - i. Tomorrow (April 13th) is the grade 5 bake sale to raise money for the school's foster child. Goal is \$600. Lots of parent volunteers coming.
 - ii. Running Club will begin following Easter Break – it will be every Monday and Wednesday. Carrie has volunteers organized but could use more. Students will be encouraged to track their kilometres. Danny Robdrup will be teaching the students some technique as well. Running happens at the same time as choir, so students won't be able to do both. Post request for volunteers on the Facebook Page.
 - iii. Grade 6 registration has been sent out to grade 5 students. Band teacher (Karly Lewis) was here today to recruit students to band today as well.
 - iv. Next Community Conversation to be held on Thursday April 13th at the YMCA 8:30 – 10:00 am.
 - v. Students have been requesting to start clubs so school has created an application form to allow teacher's to help with organization and support.
 - b. Vice-Principal's Report (Megan)
 - i. Video from cultural food tasting shared with attendees.
 - ii. 27 years of giving held at the end of March. School brought in 360 lbs of food for the Lethbridge Food Bank
 - iii. April 11th was division fruit day – Constable Chris brought bananas.
 - iv. April 25th is division PL day
 - v. Agnes Davidson is working to build capacity within the school. Administrators are working to have teachers visit other classrooms to learn from the great things that are already happening within the school.
 - vi. Gaga Ball Pit – 2nd one has arrived. They are not yet set up. One pit will likely be set up after Easter and school may need volunteers to help set this up.
 - vii. When determining next year's classes – Administration first considers parent request forms. Current teachers then work together to consider best peer groups, diversity of literacy and numeracy ability, behavior challenges etc.

- viii. Green shirt day was on April 7th to support organ donation.
 - ix. April 14th Lunch on the Go
 - x. Clubs are underway
 - xi. Spring Break April 14th – 22nd with no school April 25th for PL day
 - c. Staff Rep Report (Patti)
 - i. No report
 - d. District Council Report (Alison)
 - i. Discussion around dual credit for grade 12 students in partnership with the College and University
 - ii. School District contribution for ASCA conference attendee (\$250) – we are able to use this money as well as 2020 and 2021 money for whatever we choose. Conference is all virtual this year.
 - iii. ASCA conference April 22nd – 24th
 - iv. Discussion about technology in the classroom – mostly related to lunchtime use of technology. Plaxton has implemented mindful lunch times where no talking is allowed. Some schools also do recess prior to lunch, which seems to facilitate eating lunch. At Agnes Davidson, lunch time use of technology varies but technology during lunch time does happen. Movies are used for rewards.
 - v. There has also been discussion around ensuring all students have access to technology when required in the classroom.
 - vi. Bussing and bell time changes are a source of frustration for a lot of parents. Trustees will continue to look at this. For the 2022/23 school year, Agnes Davidson school days Monday-Thursday will run 8:45 – 3:45 with a 12:45 end time on Fridays.
 - vii. School is trying to universally support any child who is hungry – there is now a snack bin with fruit in it and more tempting snacks are being managed by teachers. School applied for and received a \$7000 nutrition grant that is being used for the cultural food experience as well as extra snacks. My City Care Mindful Munchies also supports the school and drops off lunches weekly.
 - e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Report (Donna)
 - i. Next year, ensure school community is alerted to the resolution voting.
 - ii. There are 4 resolutions that will be voted on at ASCA.
 1. Diploma Exam weighting change to 10% indefinitely. No
 2. Policy review for current infrastructure maintenance funding. No
 3. Explaining the rationale for defunding ASCA and restoring funding for ASCA. Yes
 - f. Trustee report (Tyler Demers)
 - i. No report
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – being used for French lessons
- 6. New Business
 - a. French Lessons – good response to lessons.

- i. Lessons run 6:30 – 8:15 – there's a beginner and intermediate class. Turnout has been great with attendance capped at 20.
 - ii. A feedback form would be useful to help with planning for fall.
 - iii. Childcare would be valuable too.
- b. Nicholas Sheran has a child psychologist presenting on April 28th at 6:30 and registration has been low so they would be interested in inviting the broader community. Call Jeanine Miklos at Nicholas Sheran for information.

Next meeting: May 10th, 2022

Adjournment @ 8:26