

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School  
School Council Minutes  
May 4, 2017

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**Member Attendees:** Nevin Isram, Colleen Kaus, David Del Conte, Kristi Genesiee, Manju Dahal, Kristi Snary, Reasa Diab

**Non-Member Attendees:** Paul Clemens, Chris Blunsdon

**Minutes Approval – March 21 2017:**

Colleen Kaus/Nevin Isram – The minutes of the previous meeting required minor revisions. Changes were made. Motion was made by Nevin to approve the minutes, Colleen second. All were in favor and the motion to approve was carried.

**Business Arising – School Council**

**Pro-Grant Application – Colleen Kaus**

Colleen has started the pro-grant application process with a numeracy and financial literacy focus. Once completed Mr. Clemens will review and it will be submitted prior to the deadline of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Barracuda Lockdown Devices – Paul Clemens**

HWDSB is still reviewing the information on the Barracuda Lockdown Devices. They like the idea of them but everything must be approved by senior administration. Council will receive more direction in the 2017/2018 year.

**Security Camera System – Paul Clemens**

Ancaster Meadows is on the list of schools to pilot a security camera system. There is no timeline on when the pilot project is scheduled to start. There will be more information provided by the HWDSB in September 2017 regarding the project and its funding status.

**Back of school Landscaping – Paul Clemens**

Supervisor from HWDSB plant and facility contractors has visited the school and reviewed with Mr. Clemens what they feel is needed outdoors at the school. Following that meeting it was determined that the soccer field will be reseeded and the front of building, terrace hill, and the walkway on the side of the school will be landscaped at no cost to the school. The armor stone from the hill will be used to decorate the front of the building. The contractor is scheduled to start next Saturday.

**Library Update – Paul Clemens**

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Library received new furniture that included the rolling bookcases and circulation desk. The painting is now complete and the \$10,000.00 in new lighting will be installed when they are in stock from the board. Installation is scheduled for June 2017.

**Health & Physical Education Curriculum – Paul Clemens**

The Ministry of Education revised the Health & Physical Education curriculum causing concern for some parents. To ensure parents are informed about the curriculum a permission form will be sent home allowing the choice of participation for their child. Last year approximately 8 to 10 kids opted out of the program at the school and were provided alternative learning material.

**Internet Safety for parents – School Council**

School council would like to schedule an internet safety presentation for parents; provided by the school liaison officer in the Fall of 2017. It was suggested to try to schedule a presentation in June as well prior to the kids leaving school for the summer. Kristi motions for Paul to contact the officer to see if this can be arranged in June; second by Reasa. If the officer is unavailable in June a Fall presentation will be scheduled.

**Walking and Biking to School – Paul Clemens**

May 29 to June 2 is bike to school week. It is found that few students bike to school. Not all parents are comfortable letting their kids bike to school because of the busy intersections; round-a- bouts and lack of sidewalks around the school and along students routes; which makes it very dangerous. School will still support the event but not force student participation.

**Community Event – 100 Day Project – Andrea DeGeit**

People can bring ideas of change that can deliver benefit across the city. Mr. Clemens will post on the school website and notify the staff.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Colleen Kaus to adjourn the meeting. Reasa Diab seconded the motion. All in favour and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.