

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
School Council Minutes
September 18, 2018

Member Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Reasa Diab, Kristi Snary, Sandra Wohl, Andrea Colbert-Degeit, Khola Khan, Joey Pottinger, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Sherri Johnston, Luma Al-Ameri, Chiara Pettit, Raya Ahmed, Genc Jashari, Arta Jashari, Niana Ismail, Adrienne VanDam, Arifa Zia, Shaikh Ziauddin, Talal Al-Wardi, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Karen MacPhail

Welcome to all.

Non-Member Attendees:

Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak, David Pasian

Regrets:

Manju Dahal

September Secretary:

Andrea Colbert-Degeit

School Council Election 2018 / 2019 Results

Chair – Colleen Kaus (Nominated by Reasa Diab-Second by Sandra Wohl-Motion Passed)
Co-Chair – Vote tabled to October meeting
Secretary – Vote tabled to October meeting

School Council - Meeting Dates:

Tuesday -- October 23, 2018
Tuesday -- November 20, 2018
Tuesday -- January 22, 2019
Tuesday -- February 26, 2019
Tuesday -- March 19, 2019
Tuesday -- April 16, 2019
Tuesday -- May 28, 2019

All meetings will begin at 6:30 followed by home and school at 7:30. Meetings will be held in the school library unless other wise determined by council.

Principal Report – Simon Goodarce

A special welcome and official introduction of vice Principal Mr. J. Zwolak

School Calendar:

Ancaster Meadow is a busy school with a busy calendar. PD days have been set. Events are posted on the website (parents are encouraged to subscribe), can be viewed on the television in the front hallway and shared in the weekly principal's report.

Upcoming Important Events:

PD Day (Friday September 21, 2018)
Photo Day (Wednesday September 26, 2018)

Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day (Friday September 28, 2018)
Meet the Teacher (Thursday October 4, 2018 5:00pm-7:00pm)

School Annual Plan:

The school plan is currently being developed in conjunction with all school staff for the school community. There will be a focus on culture and well-being, early reading for the primary grades and math for the junior and senior grades.

Update on Transportation:

HWDSB is experiencing bussing delays at multiple schools and it is a frustrating situation. Delays are to be posted on the transportations website and the school encourages parents to contact them if they experience a problem with transportation. The procedure at drop off for younger children is if a no one is available to receive the student the bus will return with the child to the school. Courtesy busing cannot be determined till October. School staff will continue to work through bussing issues with transportation.

<http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca>

Phone: 905-523-2318

Toll Free: 1-800-691-6402

Re-Organization:

The current enrollment is approximately 600 students which is down from initial projection which will result in re-organization of some students and staff this year. School staff will work together with students and families to ensure as little disruption and smooth transition as possible. School staff will communicate with families that will be directly affected ASAP and re-organization will be complete October 4th, 2018.

School Council Constitution – Colleen Kaus

Please read and discuss at next meeting.

New Buisness – Colleen Kaus

Meet the Teacher:

Meet the teacher is on Thursday October 4th, 2018 and there was a discussion of Home and School facilitating a BBQ for the evening occurred.

Anaphylaxis Policy Update / Review:

HWDSB has introduced a new policy “prevalent medical conditions” which includes anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy and asthma. Staff is working with families to update the necessary information.

Annual Portable Inspection:

Formal Portable Inspection Report has been done in the past. The school is down to 2 portables. Council would like to see the recent report for Ancaster Meadow. We will revisit this next meeting.

Volunteers & Valid Vulnerable Sector:

All volunteers need vulnerable sector screening check every 3 years. Within the 3 year timeframe volunteers must sign a no offence declaration.

Meeting Adjourn:

Motioned by Reasa Diab-Second by Sandra Wohl-Motion Passed

