

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
School Council Minutes
April 16, 2019

Member Attendees: Kristi Snary, Andrea Colbert-DeGeit, Manju Dahal, Joey Pottinger, Sherri Johnston, Reasa Diab

Non-Member Attendees:

Simon Goodacre, Rebecca McEwen, Jacquelyn Valliant, Hannah Wright, Rebecca Pearce Peters

Regrets:

Colleen Kaus, Sandra Wohl, Adrienne van Dam

April Secretary:

Kristi Snary / Reasa Diab

Reasa Diab who was filling in for Colleen Kaus called meeting to order at 6:35pm. Request to add Speak Up Grant presentation to agenda with Ms. McEwen, Jacquelyn & Hannah. Motion to approve to modify the agenda by Joey Pottinger, second by Andrea Colbert-DeGeit, all in favour.

Approval of February Minutes:

No additional required changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve Manju Dahal, second by Joey Pottinger, all in favour motion passed.

Speak Up Grant Presentation – Jacquelyn Valliant, Hannah Wright & Ms. McEwen

A video was presented explaining: What does Wellness mean to you? Students & Teachers were interviewed at the Meadow.

Three categories of wellness established: Physical, Environmental & Mental
Outdoor activity planning in process.

Grade 1-3 photo, games, skits, Grade 6-8 movie afternoon

Goal is to help students get through the end of the school year. Bringing kids together across the school. Any proceeds will be donated to an animal shelter. No date has been chosen yet. Reasa raised awareness of Ramadan. Discussion around the table regarding activities and grant amount.

We thanked the coordinators that we appreciate them & good well done. We asked them to let Council know how we can help.

Principal Report – Simon Goodarce & Things going on – Rebecca Pearce Peters

- Year-End picnic /Open House BBQ Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Meet & mingle, choir performance, possible book fair night – discussion will continue at Home & School
- Robotics
- Field Trips

- Swimming
- Scientists in the school
- Pulse – Hamilton Spectator
- Public Health Dental Screening
- 1st Nation's Art Program
- Choir Fest
- Water Polo
- Triathlon
- EQAO
- Lots more coming up

Security Cameras: Board process for secondary schools. Elementary case by case due to privacy issues. AMES designated to receive cameras to run after school hours to deter vandalism. Time line is unknown.

Class Structure: No lists at this time. Simon discussed the process, split classes, requests and what is acceptable and not. Letter will be sent out if there are any specific requests and parents should email Simon. Students next year's teacher will go home with report cards. No changes will be made/considered until reorganization.

Tuesday, April 23rd – School Messenger online for reporting attendance will be available.

New Business:

Councils Response to Education Cuts: Joey raised concerns around this and would like to send a letter to Mr. Ford to address concerns as a parent & possibly as School Council. Simon brought some details around this from a board standpoint, what is known & what is unknown. Discussion took place on what rights does Council have. Discussion on whether to proceed with preparing a letter. Reasa will approach three members not in attendance to search their interest.

Pro Grant Update: Reasa read a summary that Colleen had provided. Joey mentioned that a parent suggested resource focus possibly in Arabic. Colleen had suggested using some of the money to do bookmarks, and the group agreed.

Service Animal in School Consultation: Bill 48, On April 4, 2019 was launched to have service animals in schools. Reasa read email to the group. Check website & do survey.

Parking Lot Update/Bussing: Question was asked: What is happening why is Alligator bus still late. Call if bus is late – school transportation & board. Discussion on bell times & distance. Parking lot discussion took place. Things are getting better. Discussion took place about street parking some people are still parking illegally.

7:53 Motion to adjourn Manju Dahal, second by Joey Pottinger, all in favour motion passed.