

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School  
School Council Minutes  
February 26, 2019

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**Member Attendees:**

Colleen Kaus, Reasa Diab, Kristi Snary, Sandra Wohl, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Adrienne VanDam, Manju Dahal, Sherri Johnston, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Joey Pottinger, Andrea Colbert-Degeit, Karen MacPhail

**Non-Member Attendees:**

Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak, Dave Pasian

Welcome to all.

**Regrets:**

None

**February Secretary:**

Colleen Kaus

**Approval of January Minutes:**

No additional required changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve Reasa Diab, second by Kristi Snary, motion passed.

**Staff Update “State of Student Culture”– Dave Pasian:**

Ancaster Meadow is a very busy place with many things happening for our students in all areas of learning.

- P. Mataseje-Indoor track grades 6-8 with positive results, Sr. Girls Basketball (playoffs begin this week)
- S. Wlodarczyk-Jr. Girls Basketball, Gr. 1-2 Rock-Paper-Scissors Intermural event, Cricket
- A. Mlekuz- Gr. 4-6 Basketball
- K. Miya and P. Mitchison- Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir, Instrumental Band
- R. Steiner-Sr. Boys Basketball (playoffs begin this week)
- M. Loschiavo K. Nowacki-Ski Trip, Ottawa Trip (June)
- P. Mancini-Art Club
- Kindergarten-Trip being planned
- R. Mcewen-Would like to join a meeting to purpose Makerspace Project
- E. Romero-Sierra-BASF Science Fair Trip, Let’s Talk Science, Robotics Competition at Innovation Centre
- N. Trikoupis and B. Forrester-Checkers Tournament (world record for the number of players playing checkers simultaneously)
- I. Amodeo-Soccer

### **Principal Report – Simon Goodarce:**

- Report Cards went home after the snow days.
- Grade 8 students completed option sheets for Ancaster High School.
- Calendar Review-2019-2020 draft school calendar is out and available for community input.
- Human Growth and Development Parent Information-Following March Break, teachers are required to teach and report on the current curriculum which is available online (must be inclusive, accepting, free from discrimination and make student feel comfortable). Any questions should be directed at the teacher delivering the curriculum and parent guides will be available.
- P.A. Day Focus-Friday March 1-K to Gr. 1 early reading, Gr. 2-8 math and staff school climate activities.
- There have been a number of indoor nutrition breaks due to ice on the playground; conditions are reviewed daily.

### **New Business – Pro Grant 2018/2019 (Colleen Kaus and Kristi Snary)**

\$1000 has been given to Council and must be spent by June on the Wellness Library. Kristi and Colleen created a survey and the data was shared on the results of the Survey Monkey regarding the resources that would people would like to be included in the Ancaster Wellness Library. Out of the 40 people that completed the surveys the following topics were prioritized:

Adoption-2  
Self-Harm-3  
Drugs/Alcohol-5  
Sibling Rivalry-6  
Allergies and Sensitivities-6  
Autism/Asperger's-7  
Divorce/Seperation-9  
Resiliency-11  
Lunchbox &Snacks/Healthy Eating & Nutrition-12  
Learning Disabilities-12  
ADHD/ADD-12  
Coping with Death/Bereavement-13  
Sexuality-14  
Money/Budgeting-14  
Discipline-15  
Parenting-20  
Mental Health-20  
Internet Safety-22  
Social Skill/Peer Relations-23  
Behaviour-23  
Communication-24  
Bullying-25  
Emotional Health/Depression/Anxiety/Stress-30

Other languages people would like to see resources in include French, Chinese, Arabic, Albanian, Urdu and Spanish. Other topics to consider are First Nations, Speech & Language Development, Social Media, Self-Help and Leveled Literacy Books. The preferred medium chosen was books for the library but others included DVD and audio books. Simon will reach out to HWDSB Character Networks, the school social worker and speech specialist for recommended quality resources. Next steps will include the borrowing and return policy.

**New Business – Parking Lot Update (Kristi Snary and Jeff Zwolak)**

The new sign has arrived and is being used. Individuals feel the sign should be double sided. A letter and map was sent home to inform everyone about the new parking lot procedure and still continues to be a work in progress. Parking congestion on the street still continues to be a safety issue. Ancaster Meadow is on the bylaw priority list for them to report to the school to help enforce laws and issue tickets. Individuals are encouraged to call and email the bylaw office to report issues on the street and in the community. Parking information will be added to the kindergarten orientation package. Simon will look into adding the parking message to the electronic school sign.

7:25 Motion to adjourn Sandra Wohl, second by Reasa Diab, motion passed.