

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School  
School Council Minutes  
January 22, 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

**Non-Member Attendees:**

Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak, John Butterworth

Welcome to all.

**Regrets:**

Joey Pottinger, Andrea Colbert-Degeit

**November Secretary:**

Colleen Kaus

**Approval of October Minutes:**

No required changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve Reasa Diab, second by Sandra Wohl, motion passed.

**Staff Update – John Butterworth:**

Ancaster Meadow is a very busy place with many things happening for our students.

- Mr. Trikoupis and Mr. Forrester are running Checkers Club and this year and the tournament is Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> (this year they will be in the world record book for most players)
- Basketball is running for grades 4-8
- Mr. Trikoupis and Ms. Adkins are participating in Hamilton Spectators Creative Kids Ad Design, student's contributions will be the paper in February
- Bay area Science and Engineering Fair
- Let's Talk Science Competition
- Robotic Club
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Ski Trip
- Art Cub
- Transition to Highschool Day
- Mrs. McEwen (Grade6-7) is running Learning Experiences with the Beanstalk project and Transition Trailer, Global Read Aloud and Mental Health and Well Being Mindfulness Strategies
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Grad

**Principal Report – Simon Goodarce:**

Superintendent visit to Ancaster Meadow this month included the director last month. Staff and Students were able to showcase the wonderful things happening at Ancaster Meadow (such as the green screen project, music vocal and instrumental, classroom visits, facilities updates and a game of checkers).

PA Day (Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>) focus will be Report Card writing and are being sent home February 12<sup>th</sup>.

EQAO Dates have been set for May 22<sup>nd</sup>-May 24<sup>th</sup>. Dates were set in consultation with staff. Individual results are in from last year.

Community Flyers that meet the Boards Guidelines (that are bundled and counted) will be distributed based on the discretion of the staff. Individual flyers can be put up on the information bulletin board.

### **New Business – Year End Trips (Kristi Snary)**

No Muskoka trip has been planned for the grade 7/8's students. Question was asked if anything could be done moving forward. All trips must have a teacher in charge and the number of chaperones must meet board policy. Simon will ask to see if any staff are interested.

### **New Business – Pro Grant 2018/2019**

\$1000 has been given to the school to create a "Lending Library". Mr. Butterworth will create a space within the library. Money must be spent by the end of June. Kristi and Colleen will create a survey that will be posted on the website and Facebook to determine what parents feel is the need and interest for the library resources. A variety of topics and media will be listed on the survey. Library can be built on in future years if a need is established.

### **New Business – Parking Lot Update**

Special thanks to all volunteers especially Kristi and Jeff. The parking lot is now much safer for the students. The street remains congested and crosswalk crowded which is a concern. Majority of feedback comments are positive. There has been an increase in parents using alternative routes to school. Possible next steps include getting a new sign at the end of the driveway that reads "BUSSES AND PERMIT PARKING ONLY" as the barricades and parking attendants are not a long term solution. The new approach will need to be a progress change to ensure that we maintain safety. Proposal will be made to Home and School to help finance the sign.

### **New Business – Cold Weather Policy**

Schools are highly advised to follow the city recommendations on cold weather alerts when making the decision to keep students indoors during breaks (-15 absolute and -20 wind chill) our board policy on school closure indicated that if busses aren't running schools are closed.

7:25 Motion to adjourn Sandra Wohl, second by Manju Dahal, motion passed.