

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
School Council Minutes
November 20, 2018

Member Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Reasa Diab, Kristi Snary, Sandra Wohl, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Adrienne VanDam, Manju Dahal, Khola Khan

Non-Member Attendees:

Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak, Kelly Scott (City of Hamilton), Rebecca Pearce-Peters

Welcome to all.

Regrets:

Joey Pottinger, Sherri Johnston, Andrea Colbert-Degeit

November Secretary:

Colleen Kaus

Approval of October Minutes:

In the minutes, the wording of "Lunch Lady" was change to 'Lunch Box"

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

School Council Report:

Student council was unable to attend this month. They will be invited to a future meeting. Any upcoming news was shared in the Principal's Report.

Safe Arrivals Report – Kelly Scott:

STP report was shared via email to members of council and will be posted on the school website. Kelly Scott is presenting for Callaway Johnson who could not attend the meeting and is the schools contact for any questions or concerns. He can be reached via email.

schooltravelplanning@hamilton.ca

The STP committee applied for funding that will be used toward parent engagement strategies in active school travel. More information will be shared with council as it becomes available but will follow the model below.

Developing and Testing (year one)
Implementation and Evaluation (year two)

Branding material was provided to council (lights, yellow hats, zipper pulls and stickers) to promote Safe Travel

Original Report was conducted in 2014. Second report in 2018.

Actions taken from this report include:

- Email to Traffic Engineering Specialist regarding an all ways stop at Kitty Murray and Bridgeport, or a way to increase crosswalk and roundabout safety
- 2019 strategic road safety will run a safety information blitz that will be share with the school to include in the back to school information
- Anti-idling signage and participation in the "Fresh Air for Kids" program

- Safety tips sheet and announcements are being updated for distribution
- Parking lot safety blitz with the use of flyers and principal's update indicating alternative points of "drop-off"
- Possible use of barricades and "parking lot attendants" to close the parking lot at busy times
- Possible increase of police and by-law presence
- Possible second hands up survey will be conducted at the school to help track progress (May)

Nichole Burton (Stoney Creek Memorial) might be a possible resource in the future.

Walk and wheel events might occur with incentives (Wear Yellow and Bike to School Days, Bike Safety)

Round a bouts, continue to be a concern for parents. Kelly Scott will address these concerns at the next general manager meeting.

Cycle of actions might take 12-18 months to see change in behavior and longer for infrastructure items.

The full report can be found at

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancastermeadow/files/2019/01/AncasterMeadow-STP-Report-1.pdf>

Travel and parking lot safety and parent education will continue to be a focus with the safety of the students continues to be a priority.

Principal Report – Simon Goodarce:

The annual fundraising report includes Phys-ed flower both poinsettia and mums, student council events mainly the TUCK shop, Christmas Hampers and other charity events such as Terry Fox

Home and School contributes to a very large proportion of the fundraising.

There is a PD Day December 7th. Focus is ongoing with JK/SK Gr.1 being early reading and grade 2-8 being math.

New Business – The Parking Lot

Parking lot information will be shared via social meeting and flyers will be shared with parents in the parking lot and volunteers to assist in the blitz.

The dismissal time procedure will be revisited to reduce disruption during class times and aid in the parking lot issues. More information to follow.

7:34 Motion to adjourn Reasa Diab, second by Manju Dahal, motion passed.