

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
School Council Minutes
May 28, 2019

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 Agenda:

Colleen added EQAO test to the agenda.

Motion to approve Andrea Colbert-Degeit, second by Kristi Snary, motion passed.

Approval of April Minutes:

No additional required changes to the minutes.

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

Staff Update – Dave Pasian:

Ancaster Meadow is a very busy place with many things happening for our students in all areas of learning. Thank you from all the staff for the parent effort and contribution to Ancaster Meadow this year.

Principal Report – Simon Goodarce:

End of Year:

The school year is winding down but the school calendar in June is still busy with school trips (Canadian Open, movies, bowling), poetry festival, SMASH Smard, Track and Field, D-Day Assembly, and Graduation.

Class Structure was provided along with the understanding that there might always be changes and it is an ongoing process. The school enrollment is at 620 and is up two classes (a primary 1-2 and a grade 7 class has been added). Numbers can always change and reorganization is always a possibility in the fall. Every room in the school is being used as a classroom space. There are still a few LTO spots that need to be filled. The class breakdown will be shared in a principal update.

Reading grade 1 target is 78% to be reading by the end of grade 1 at or above provincial standard.

EQAO was a completed successfully without incident. More debriefing to happen with staff (just completed the test today) to ensure the testing is scheduled to best suit the needs of the students.

New Business – Council Response to Education Cuts: Joey Pottinger

Motion to move forward with formal written letter on behalf of School Council in response to education cuts was made by Andrea and seconded by Reasa, vote taken and motion passed. The final letter will be drafted and signed both on behalf of council and individually to represent those in favor of the motion. Joey will be continuing to be our point of contact for the letter writing. Pending final approval from Council (on a finalized letter) a motion was made by Sherri to send the letter and seconded by Jessica, vote taken motion passed.

New Business – Pro Grant 2018/2019 Colleen Kaus

Acquired resources were shared with council. Currently 48 resources have been purchased and \$880.41. All topics and medium identified in the survey monkey have been purchased including books, DVD's and CD's. Colleen will spend the remainder of the funds on any appropriate resources and additional bookmarks for next year. A letter about the wellness library will be sent home and bookmarks made available for Open House, Kinder Bags and Book Fair.

New Business – Parking Lot Update Joey Pottinger

The parking lot has seen an overall improvement in safety for our student with the continued efforts. In September the parking memo and map will be sent out in the kinder packages. Reminders will continue to be posted on the school sign and the "roll out sign" used next year.

There are no for seen changes to buses for next year at this time.

7:30 Motion to adjourn Sandra Wohl, second by Reasa Diab, motion passed.

First meeting of the 2019/2020 school year will be Tuesday September 17th, 2019