

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
School Council Minutes
September 17, 2019

Member Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Reasa Diab, Kristi Snary, Sandra Wohl, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Manju Dahal, Sherri Johnston, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Joey Pottinger, Andrea Colbert-Degeit, Nevin Isram, Nicole Vincic, Elif Nayman, Suat Nayman, Sarah Banfield, Zareena Khurshid, Neha Pawar, Khola Khan, Unity Schmidt, Raya Ahmed, Shilpa Shukla, Sarah Mezaael, Todd Kirkpatrick

Non-Member Attendees:

Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak

Welcome to all.

Regrets:

Adrienne Van Dam, Rebecca Pearce-Peters, Dave Pasian

September Secretary:

Colleen Kaus

Approval of Agenda:

Colleen added Wellness Library Update to the agenda.

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

Approval of May 2019 Minutes:

No additional changes required to the minutes.

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

Election Results:

School Council Election 2019/2020 Results

Chair – Colleen Kaus (Nominated by Reasa Diab-Second by Joey Pottinger motion passed)

Co-Chair – Vote tabled to October meeting

Secretary – Nicole Vincic (Nominated by Colleen Kaus -Second by Reasa Diab motion passed)

Approved 2019/2020 Meeting Dates:

Tuesday – October 22, 2019

Tuesday – November 19, 2019

Tuesday -- January 14, 2020

Tuesday – February 11, 2020

Tuesday – March 24, 2020

Tuesday – April 21, 2020

Tuesday -- May 26, 2020

All meetings will begin at 6:30 followed by home and school at 7:30. Meetings will be held in the school library unless otherwise determined by council.

Principal Report – Simon Goodarce:

This year's school council Teaching Staff Representation will be Rebecca Pearce-Peters and Dave Pasian who will attend meetings and provide updates on school events.

The year has started with a busy schedule including volleyball, 3 pitch, cross country, phys-ed fundraiser and various classroom activities.

Upcoming Important Events:

PD Day (Friday September 20, 2019)

Terry Fox Day (Thursday September 26, 2019)

Orange Shirt Day (Monday September 30, 2019)

Meet the Teacher (Thursday October 3, 2019 4:30pm-6:30pm)

Photo Day (Monday October 7, 2019)

School communication is provided in two ways via the principal updates on School Messenger and via email if you subscribe to the website. School announcements can also be viewed on the website.

School Annual Plan:

The school plan is currently being developed in conjunction with all school staff for the school community with more development to be presented in October. There will be a focus on school climate, early reading for the primary grades and math for the junior and senior grades.

Update on Transportation:

Transportation has still seen some delays but is off to a better start than previous years. Currently there are busses and drivers for each route and updates are being posted on the website. Transportation is provided in two ways: living outside the transportation boundary and courtesy bussing. Courtesy bussing cannot be determined until October.

<http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca>

Phone: 905-523-2318

Toll Free: 1-800-691-6402

Staffing and Re-organization

Over 70 new students have been registered to date. LTO teachers have been hired and all staffing positions have been filled. Through re-organization, Ancaster Meadow will increase in size by one class that will require a new staff member. On Thursday September 26th communication will go out to everyone updating on the school impact. Individual letters will be sent home with those students directly impacted by re-organization. School staff will work together with students and families to ensure as little disruption and smooth transition as possible. The school's population is currently 635 students.

School Council Constitution:

The school constitution was read. One amendment was requested; that the loss of voting rights be changed from 4 to 3 meeting absences.

(Motion by Reasa Diab-Second by Kristi Snary-motion carried)

New Business – Simon Goodarce/Colleen Kaus:

Meet the teacher night is Thursday October 3, 2019

Anaphylaxis Policy Update / Review:

HWDSB has introduced a new policy "prevalent medical conditions" which includes anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy and asthma. Staff is working with families to update the necessary information.

Volunteers & Valid Vulnerable Sector:

All volunteers need vulnerable sector screening check every 3 years. Within the 3 year timeframe volunteers must sign a no offence declaration. Any questions should be directed to staff in the main office.

School Cash Online:

Parents are encouraged to register for school cash online as soon as possible. Any questions should be directed to staff in the main office.

2018/2019 Progrant Update:

Wellness Library is ready to go. We will look to “open” the library after re-organization and resources will be ready to sign out.

Meeting Adjourn:

Motioned by Joey Pottinger-second by Reasa Diab-motion passed