

Member Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Mohammed Nalla, Karin Hewlett, Mayank Batra, Carolyn Golden, Nicole Vincic, Neha Pawar, Nicole Elder, Hyunah Lee, He Zhen, Yi (Guest), Fikayo (Guest)

Non-Member Attendees:

Kelly Dunford (Principal)
Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan (Vice-Principal)
Jennifer Flewelling (Teacher Representative)

Regrets:

Vanessa Maza (Umbrella Family)

Secretary:

Colleen Kaus

Welcome

Meeting called to order, by Colleen @ 6:30pm.

Land Acknowledgment

Read by Reasa Diab.

Approval of October Agenda:

Motion to approve, Reasa Diab. Second, Todd Kirkpatrick. Motion passed.

Approval of May Minutes:

Motion to approve with amendments, Reasa Diab. Second, Mohammed Nalla. Motion passed.

2022/2023 Council Elected Positions:

Nomination to elected Colleen Kaus as the 2022/2023 Council Chair and Nicole Vincic as the 2022/2023 secretary. Motion to approve, Reasa Diab. Second, Todd Kirkpatrick. Motion passed. Positions accepted.

2022/2023 School Council and Home & School Meeting Dates:

School Council meetings begin at 6:30 followed by Home & School on the same dates. Hybrid meetings will be the delivery option when possible.

Meeting Dates

November 15, 2022
January 17, 2023
February 21, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

May 24, 2023

Motion to approve proposed meetings, Todd Kirkpatrick. Second Reasa Diab. Motion passed.

Principal and Staff Report – Kelly Dunford and Jennifer Flewelling:

Meet the teacher was a success and teacher and staff enjoyed having parents return to the building.

Terry Fox was held on Friday September 23, 2022. Assembly to follow with details on funds raised.

Sports are running soft ball and cross-country teams have begun practicing.

With the help of students Mr. Reynolds has begun the recycling program.

Bookfair was a success. Thank you to those who helped volunteer their time.

Covid Update: All self reported positive cases and the impacted classrooms are posted on the website. As of now absenteeism remains low among staff and students.

School Annual Plan: This year there are two main goals. The first one for our annual plan is create a sense of belonging for all students through student centered, responsive pedagogy and to close the gap for those currently or historically underserved. Examining practices and moving to a universal design for learning to ensure needs are being met. This practice will provide students differs ways to demonstrate learning and provide multiple access points for students to access the curriculum in various ways. The second one is increase well-being by establishing and maintaining trusting relationships with students and families. This will be done through communication and home and school partnership. Kelly will speak with the program consultants for support to parents in understanding the various approaches to learning in response to Mohammed's questions.

Reorganization: Mr. Troisi and the intermediate grades were greatly impacted. Mr. Troisi will take over for those teachers we have lost. Primary grades capped out at 20 per class. Junior grades are capped out at 23. Intermediate grades are capped out at 29.

Portables are to be removed

Transportation: 290 students ride the 6 Ancaster Meadow busses. Transportation is still experiencing driver shortages and regularly we have late buses. Busses not at capacity will not be removed as it is based on student residential distance from the school.

Additional tutoring supports are not offered at Ancaster Meadow at this time but with reorganization additional staff supports are being scheduled where necessary. Staff will look at using UDL to close leaning gaps of students, even in the absence of data.

EQAO Data has not yet been received.

School Constitution 2022/2023:

Motion to approve, Mohammed Nalla. Second, Reasa Diab. Motion passed.

New Business:

Anaphylaxis policy is updated and plans of care of been established for all impacted students.

Volunteers are needed! All the volunteers up to last year were discarded because the vulnerable sector screening must be within 60 days, and you had to be able to load in two years to be informed. Teachers will inform parents of the needs and requirements.

The nutrition program will be running again this year five days a week. The plan is to start back Tuesday, October 12th. Nutrition program is strictly a school-based program run off grant money. Nutrition bins sent out for 10:55 and collected after the second break at 1:55. Snacks will meet nutrition policy. Looking for students and parents to assist with the program. Thank you Reasa for leading this barrier free nutrition program.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motioned by Reasa Diab. Second by Mohammed Nalla. Motion passed @ 7:31 pm.