

Member Attendees:

Colleen Kaus, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Mohammed Nalla, Carolyn Golden, Nicole Vincic, Sandra Wohl

Non-Member Attendees:

Kelly Dunford (Principal)
Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan (Vice-Principal)
Navjit Singh (Teacher Representative)

Regrets:

Kristi Snary
Jessica Troian

Secretary:

Nicole Vincic

Welcome

Meeting called to order, by Colleen @ 6:35pm.

Land Acknowledgment

Read by Reasa Diab.

Approval of November Agenda:

Motion to approve, Mohammed Nalla. Second, Todd Kirkpatrick. Motion passed.

Approval of October Minutes:

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

Principal and Staff Report – Kelly Dunford and Navjit Singh:

Staff Report

LTO coverage: Matthew McCallister (for Ms. McEwen), Margaret Ferguson (for Mrs. Dhalla), Mr. Pulps (for Mr. Parente), and Ms. Montgomery (for Mrs. Hewitt).

Covid 19 Update

There have been a few self reported cases. Any self-reported cases are posted on the school website. High student absenteeism now with cold season. There are number of staff and students wearing masks. No further direction from the board so currently it is personal choice to wear a mask.

Labour Update

No update regarding the labour dispute.

Progress Reports/ Interviews

Parents interested in meeting to review their child's progress report are encouraged to book a time with the teacher. PA Day is no longer reserved for parent/teacher interviews. Part of the rationale for this decision is that communication between teacher and family is ongoing. We have a very responsive staff of teachers so they will be happy to set time aside to meet/ speak with parents.

EQAO Results

Grade 3 - 53 students participated

Results:

Reading - 75.5% were at or above grade level; 24.5% were below/approaching grade level

Math - 58.5% were at or above grade level; 41.5% were below/approaching grade level

Writing - 67.9% were at or above grade level; 32.1% were below/approaching grade level

Grade 6 - 53 students participated

Results:

Reading - 92% were at or above grade level; 8% were below/approaching grade level

Math - 51% were at or above grade level; 49% were below/approaching grade level

Writing - 83% were at or above grade level; 17% were below/approaching grade level

Facilities Update

Day care play structure has been pulled from the property. Waiting for a quote to remove the pebbles where these play structures were settled.

New gravel has been placed in the area where the portables were situated. A fence has been placed around the area since the ground is still very soft. Waiting for the right conditions to place the pavement.

Lost and Found

Many items have accumulated. Mrs. Dunford has posted an announcement on Twitter.

Staff Report

Ancaster Meadow is a busy school with a lot going on in the school. Below are some of the events on now:

Science Fair (Grade 7 & 8) - Mr. Romero-Sierra

Poinsettia Sale - Mrs. Mateseje

Intermediate Art Club - Mrs. Mancini

Grade 3 Swim Team - Mr. Forrester and Ms. Nowaki

Halloween Dance - DJ, Mr. Forrester

Junior Flag Football, Senior Girls Volleyball, and Senior Boys Basketball - Mr. Steiner

Senior Boys Volleyball - Mr. Wlodarczyk

Junior Boys Volleyball – Mr. Troisi with Mr. Singh assisting

New Business:**Cold Weather Policy**

Policy will be posted on the AMES school website. It can also be accessed via the HWDSB site:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/severe-weather/#:~:text=Principals%20decide%20whether%20to%20send,Cold%20Alerts%20and%20Community%20Response.>

School Volunteers Update

The binders of filling up with volunteers. Parents who are interested in volunteering must submit two documents: 1) the vulnerable screening report and 2) completed school volunteer application.

Nutrition Program

Nutrition program continues to run every day, 5 days per week. School and student volunteers are helping. Program is running smoothly. New items have been introduced (celery sticks with hummus, apple and orange slices, yogurt tubes, and cheese strings, muffins, scones, oatmeal biscuits, etc.).

Questions & Answers

Question: Where do we communicate with parents about the extracurricular activities/ sports happening at school?

Answer: Twitter is being used to help share the news, but we can do a better job of posting more information/ communication for families

Question: Is there opportunity to access the EQAO reports?

Answer: The results are released, and they are posted

Search EQAO.com

Conduct a school search and the result should be accessible

Question: How do these results compare with previous year written:

Answer: Mrs. Dunford will investigate this and will gather the information to post to School Council and Home & School sites.

Question: Is there additional testing happening? Is this test linked to EQAO?

Answer: This is the CCAT7 Testing is a standardized test which is administrated in grade four students only, across the board. It is not linked to EQAO.

Recap of our meeting dates:

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 28

May 24

Our meetings will remain in-person, at school, except for our May 24 meeting which will be held off-site.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motioned by Mohammed Nalla. Second by Reasa Diab. Motion passed @ 7:06 pm.