

**Ray Lewis School**

School Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday January 12th, 2021 7:00 pm

Agenda Items for Discussion	Notes
<b>Welcome Everyone! Call to Order</b>	Attendees: Principal – Jennifer Burleigh Vice Principal – Cheryl Urbanczyk Teacher Rep – Karen McPhee Council Chair – Sherry Cope Members – Ala Mohamad, Michele Kell
<b>Approval of this meeting's Agenda (Motion, and Second).</b>	Please enter in the CHAT for a record.
<b>Principals' Corner - Jenn</b>	<b>Remote Learning Extended by Ministry:</b> Announced today - Students are learning at home until Feb 10th. Will return to school on Wednesday February 10 <sup>th</sup> . Communication was sent home to parents. We will send out more updates as we receive them. All information is also posted on the board and school website. <b>For Remote:</b> 105 Devices were deployed to our students Some students are doing packages because they do not have devices or internet access. Student engagement is strong. 90% of our students are engaged in some form of learning. (Total of 340/375). We have contacted all families to connect with them. Teachers will continue to check in on weekly basis if they don not hear from a student. <b>Learning Structure:</b> 225 minutes of synchronous learning. This means that students have the opportunity to <b>connect</b> with their teacher for 225 minutes (75%) of their instructional day in some virtual manner. It is 225 minutes of time for virtual teaching, student engagement, and assessing student learning and well-being. This is done through live lessons, participating in small group breakout sessions, or being able to go into MS Teams for open office hours to get answers to questions as they are working on projects etc. The key word is connected. Staying connected to students throughout the day/week is the key message taken from the Ministry mandate/PPM. <b>Parent Portal</b> – Will be open again from Jan 18-Jan 22 so that parents can complete the survey and indicate if their child(ren) will be continuing with remote or wish to switch back to in person learning. There has been no announcement made with respect to the change over date or if we will be

	<p>reorganizing schools again. Originally it was set for late February but that has been placed on hold due to the Ministry.</p> <p><b>PA Day</b> – Friday January 29, 2021. Teachers will be writing report cards for Term 1. Report Cards will be sent home on February 19th.</p>
<p><b>Budget (Treasurer's) Report - Jenn</b></p>	<p>School purchased Junior Literacy books after last months meeting. These are being used to support our struggling readers in grades 4-6. Spent 1, 153.90 from PC funds. These have been distributed to our students and were being used to support their learning before the winter break. PC will be allotted 500 from the Ministry for parent engagement. PC will decide what to do with the funds.</p>
<p><b>Parent feedback, questions, or concerns – Sherry (Chair)</b></p>	<p>Questions:</p> <p>Concerns about online. When students are online they aren't fully engaged. Playing video games, LED lights flashing which is a distraction, no parent supervision. Students going into chat and talking about other issues. Need to send out communication to families. Send info to teachers to let them know they can mute or remove students from the class. Ensure that chat conversations are related to the learning or take it off their TEAMS. <b>No chats during NB. Teacher will need to shut down the meeting during breaks.</b></p> <p>Share digital citizenship with parents, teachers, and students. Educate and communicate.</p> <p>Share expectations with parents – camera's, mic's, no typing in chat if not related to learning, etc.</p> <p>How to motivate children to get engaged in online learning or to continue to motivate our students.</p> <p>Using fun interactive video's. Build in opportunities for them to want to be online. Changing the language. Its not just about academics. It's a social and emotional connection. Lots of positive reinforcements. Find ways fro them to connect outside of a lesson. Among Us and a Mind Craft math game. Interactive and fun for the students.</p> <p>Send out information and contact info for the school office team.</p> <p>Suggestion for continuing to build a sense of belonging – Include morning messages if possible. For Ex. Do O'Canada or create a classroom pledge. Ge the students excited in the mornings.</p> <p><b>Overall, parents feel that teachers are doing an incredible job!</b></p>
<p><b>Staff Input &amp; feedback – Karen</b></p>	<p>Primary Teachers feel as though the students are participating and they are making the best out of the situation. P students are very engaged generally. Try their best to minimize distractions.</p>

	<p>Kinder perspective (Michelle Kell)– lots of interactive stuff. S’s are pretty engaged online 10-12 kids each day.</p> <p>Can staff get the fillable PDF app? Lots of parents asking for it and it cost \$\$\$. Some staff are buying it themselves. Jen B will inquire.</p> <p>In the meantime, staff can have students use Explain Everything or the Class Notebook function in Teams. It allows student’s to type over PDF’s. Students can also use google docs and submit their work on the Hub electronically so they don’t have to print anything.</p>
<b>School Council Summary – Any information or questions to share</b>	Early Years – Information for emergency child care support. Jenn will include this in the next communication that goes out to parents.
<b>New Business – Any member</b>	N/A
<b>Close Meeting.</b>	Meeting adjured. Next meeting is Tuesday Feb 23 @ 7PM via MS Teams