

Sir William Osler School Council Meeting

December 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees: Aviva Dunsinger, Tracey Walsh, Umar Qureshi, Richard Gelder, Lisa Richter, Simon Carroll, Meghan Smith, Zoe Green, Sarah Van Geffen

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Teacher's Report

- SWO Spirit Days are coming up over the last week before the winter break
- The Angel Tree is running again at SWO this year and students are welcome to come to the office to choose an angel
- Green Team did a school yard clean up
 - lots of involvement of students from different grades
- Music at SWO –
 - Pam Kortmann and Melanie Beale – gracing the hallways and outside with sounds of music at least once a week – band and singing
- During the November PA Day, staff worked on one the following “School Development Teams”:
 - **Literacy and Reading**
 - **Numeracy and SEL**
 - **Technology for Learning**
 - **Positive Culture and Well-being**
 - There was a cross section of educators across divisions and FI/English streams, so we can all learn from each other
 - Educators were able to connect with teams and provide some feedback to administrators about how to move forward

3. Principal's Report

Health and Safety

- SWO staff and students continue to follow Public Health Covid safety protocols
 - masks, good hand hygiene, cohorts, distancing
- Daily staff and student screening needs to continue
 - -screening is to be done **before** entry to school by staff or parents/guardians every morning

- A Student Attestation form is required upon return to school (e.g., Left school with Covid symptoms, any class closures)
- 3 Fire Drills have been completed to date (Oct 6th, Nov 8th, Nov 23rd)
 - There was successful flow and classes were staggered
- Completed Hold & Secure (Nov 2nd), Shelter in Place (Nov 4th), Lockdown (Oct 21st)

New Staff

- Welcome to Mr. Omar Qureshi SWO's new Vice-Principal (.5 Osler, .5 South Meadow)
- New LTO EA in ExSL -starts Dec 8th
- Still awaiting .5 EA perm role

School Annual Plan

- Osler's school goals aligned with 2021-22 Strategic Direction HWDSB
- Positive Culture & Well-Being: building student and staff well-being through positive climate strategies and supportive relationships
- *PA day focus*: Safe and Inclusive Classrooms (am) Continuous Learning and Improvement (pm)
- Student Learning & Achievement: 75%+ students within each cohort on track as an effective reader (Reading Specialist Sue MacLachlan working with grade 1 and 2 educators)
 - Reading Release provided to track and support Reading using Milestones documents

Partnerships: (strengthening to enhance opportunities for students)

- receiving a \$500 STEM grant from Stem Camp Foundation
- Ms. Lewis is piloting a project with Creation Camp on French language workshops
- received a \$500 grant for French Immersion books from Hamilton Foundation for Success

Plant Facilities:

- Cohorts areas (both pavement/field spots) are for staff and students only due to Covid and general safety
- Field Care- Field was repaired weekend of Dec 3 by landscaping company -Facilities and SOSA have asked for us to remain off field until it dries further -looking to move cohorts back out at beginning of new year if weather permits
- In the event of Inclement field/closure:
 - new DPA schedule if field closed Nutrition Break, 2 NB schedules for pavement/field
 - Second floor entry in AM if excess water on field
- Memo coming from HWDSB this week regarding off premise permissions (no use of Couldrey Park as per SOSA & PH Covid protocols)
 - Single cohorts can use the park if off-premise field trip form is signed

Partnerships (families, community):

- Parking lot safety
 - upper lot is for daycare, bus pickup/drop-off, disability parking permits
 - lower lot: student drop/off and pickup *memo to community
- Bus etiquette
 - no swearing, moving seats (seating plan/Covid)
- Device and phone use is for educational and instructional purposes only, not for entertainment/communication during nutrition breaks
- Early dismissal
 - last 20 mins of school is a very busy time, please arrange child(ren) to be dismissed closer to start of 6th period as office administrators need to make sure they can quickly locate students, get to home/parents safely

4. New Business/Discussion

- Question about Grade 5-8 students not going out for second recess and community concern about student missing second recess.
 - With cohorting continuing outside and the field being unusable, there is not enough room on the blacktop for the Grade 5-8 students at recess time
 - School is open to suggestions from community
 - Administrators will continue to discuss options with school board personnel
 - SWO council will send letter to Public Health requesting that cohorting outside is discontinued
- Question about using Coultry Park use
 - Single cohorts can use off-premises field trip forms
- Question about technology inventory at SWO
 - Many ipads have not come back from remote learning
 - There are about 60 laptops on cart
 - SWO is looking to purchasing more technology
- SWO Library
 - Rotation will be created so that students can take out books
- PRO Grant
 - Discussion was had about applying for the grant

5. Nominations

- Rich Gelder nominated Simon Carroll as School Council Chair. Simon Carroll accepted.

6. Adjournment

- Next meeting is February 8th, 2022