

SAC Meeting - Oct 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

- Greg Seiveright Principal, Jen Cole VP, [Amy Kennedy-York](#), Teacher Rep, Erin Thrower Feeney, Amanda Pringle, Jayme Shelley, Rob Wengel, Jessica Wengel, Jenifer Feeley, Nicole Box, Amanda Morrison, Krista Smith, Carmen Bichsel, Melissa Meisner, Heather Wemp-Wright, Leslie Ann Chipman, Amber Meyer, Andrea Manley
- Regrets: Candice Roberts, Jen O'Neil, Megan Macdonald

School Elections

- Chair/Co-Chairs - Candice Roberts
- Vice Chair/Communication Coordinator - Amber Meyer
- Secretary - Heather Wemp-Wright
- Treasurer - Rob Wengel
- Fundraising Coordinator - Amanda Morrison
- Volunteer Coordinator - Nicole Bos
- Community Engagement - Jayme Shelley, Jennifer Feeley
- Parent Reps
 - Kindergarten/Primary - Krista Smith
 - Junior/Intermediate - Jen O'Neil
- Indigenous Rep - Andrea Manley

Discussion Items

1. School Report
 - 625 students (projected 605, numbers are up a little)
 - 26 classes/all classrooms are full
 - Reorganization occurred in the fall and it impacted all classes from grade 2 up and 80 to 100 students but all seem settled now
 - The Ministry of Education released 3 key priorities: Core academic skills, focusing on reading, writing and math. Preparing students for future success, focusing on

providing students with what the government calls "the skills needed to succeed in life." Student engagement and well-being, focusing on ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment.

- Attendance is now a focus, student absences have skyrocketed and it is having a significant impact on students learning and achievement
- 84% of students attended 80% of school days or more (20% of school days is 40 days)
- School events - 4 soccer teams went to district events, cross-country running is taking place and they run Oct 12 and Oct 19, Volleyball will start right after cross country finishes
- Clubs: Pokemon club has started
- Friday is the Terry Fox run, could be rescheduled due to poor weather forecast
- Open House was Thursday, Sep 28, 2023 and it was a successful evening

2. Teacher Report - Mrs. York

- Budget for classroom supplies and sports equipment
- Annually SAC has earmarked \$500 for gym/sports/outdoor equipment, \$500 for grade 8 graduation, \$5/student classroom funds (arts and crafts, field trips). These funds should be pre-approved in June.
- Motion made for those funds to be released immediately and was approved by council.
- We will vote again on this in June to secure the funds for the 2024/25 school year.

3. By-Laws/Code of Ethics

- All present members received a copy of the School Advisory Council By-Laws

4. New Council Planning - hot lunch (hot topic this year)

- The school community is wanting hot lunch to start ASAP

- Supplies that are needed: cutlery, paper plates (gluten free pizza), mustard, mayo, and ketchup packets
- Pizza slices have increased in price - counsel decided to sell all pizza slices \$3.00/ea.
- October 20th first hot lunch - 3 chunks of dates will be uploaded at a time on school day (Oct to Dec, Jan to March Break, March to June)
- Missed deadlines cannot be accommodated, refunds are difficult
- Snow day hot lunches will be rescheduled
- Food Sharing gets the leftover hot lunch (Ann Clapp)
- Milkshake Monday a possible fund-raising event, volunteers to pick up milkshakes in Belleville are required
- PPM 150 <https://www.ontario.ca/document/education-ontario-policy-and-program-direction/policyprogram-memorandum-150> schools can have 10 “junk food” days (milkshakes, hotdogs etc)
- Planning free milkshake day send last week of school once again
- Discussion around fund-raising through School Day to make hot lunch more inclusive to families that were not purchasing hot lunches (\$2 donation option)
- Craft Sale in December (planned for Thursday, Dec 14 and set up will happen Wednesday, Dec 13)

5. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023/24

- More consistent meetings
- Wednesdays will be meeting dates
- No March or December meetings
- **Next meeting will be November 8th at 6PM**

6. School Spirit

- Float in the Santa Claus Parade (Dec 2)
- Would like to increase school spirit in post-Covid world
- Questions about insurance for students during non-school activities (i.e. Santa Claus Parade etc.)
- Amber reports that SAC has insurance through LDSB

Adjournment