

Southview School Advisory Council

Wednesday, Apr 24, 2024

1. Principal's Report

- Board has opened up the School Climate Survey, for students in grades 4-12 (anonymous), asks about school climate, bullying, engagement, survey provides information about all students demographics, a family survey for grades K-3
- The board has released a document banning the "N" word, 50% of Human Rights Incident Reports are due to use of the "N" word, students will be learning about this policy on Friday with grade 4-8 students in the library, admin will handle this sensitive content, parents have been alerted, document will be shared on board website for families to view as their children are receiving the information at school
- EQAO in May/June, teams will meet tomorrow to discuss accommodations so all students can be successful, Southview is aiming to write EQAO in June, letters will be sent home with dates
- Andrea is working on a Strawberry Social event/evening event, will include a food, craft and story station - June 12 is the preferred date, volunteers will be needed
- Track & Field is May 13 and volunteers are needed, all students will participate (Rec vs Competitive), school looking for feedback on how students feel about this organization for the track and field event, Track and Field competition dates will

2. Teacher's Report

- Grade 8 Book of Awesome, templates were shared, using SAC funding to support the purchase of these books
- Thank you letter from French Team for financial support
- Thank you from primary division for seeds
- Ms. Michaud thank you card for funding provided to her classroom

3. Financial Report

- \$23862.56 in account
- Milkshake Day for all students was approved/non-dairy freezies option will be offered for dairy intolerant students
- Board has been asked for a quote on trees - Is this a school budget expense or would it come from the SAC budget?
- Greg has also asked for quotes for installing turf on portions of the field

4. Fund-raising Update

- Maple Syrup was successful and raised more than \$700
- Kindergarten team looking for donations for yard equipment
- Possible budget for play equipment to be budgeted for next year
- Discussion around funding yard bins for primary classes (K-2), grades that do not receive sports equipment can put together a wish list
- Next year's start up budget should include all grades (K-8)
- Soccer balls are donated to the school by Megan MacDonald that are left over from the previous soccer season
- Spring Carnival, volunteers needed, reserved activities double slide, obstacle courses (big and little), face painting, basketball game, SAC canteen, on field and in the gym, food truck can come onto the playground, questions about where the activities will be set up, event is 5:30 to 7:30
- Southview Swag - merchandise table set up during the Spring Carnival, Vista Print can do waterbottle stickers, pencils, charms. Questions around pre-ordering tee-shirts or setting up shirt sales on School Day. SAC would invest approximately \$2000. Cash sales are available at a school event. Swag will be pencils, stickers, water bottles, jibbits - goal is cost recovery. SAC voted in favour of spending \$2000 to support having a SWAG table.
- EStore with Specialty Trophies, for 2024/25, similar prices to Entripy, 10% kick-back to school, local business, shipping is more reasonable, company has a good reputation, we can still

do business with other companies (i.e. Croc charms from Vista Print), contract was reviewed. Question was posed about supporting A&M Sports but they lack the convenience of the e-store. Council voted and this motion was approved a 1-year contract with Specialty Trophies

- What The Duck - hide ducks and get a carnival prize, discussion around hiding 50 ducks on the yard

5. Volunteer Appreciation

- Cookies for volunteers to say thank you
- Approximately \$75 approved by council for purchasing cookies

6. PIC Update

- Last meeting May 2, 2024
- They have funds available for schools to use for events, questions about what the funds can be used for
- Discussion around inviting presenters to Parent Council
- Parent coffee club idea was discussed, tabled for next year
- More ideas shared about how to pull parents together socially, would it happen before or after a parent council meeting?
Community police officer presentation?

7. School to Community Update

- Candice shared about a letter sent to the Director of Education and Superintendent
- Concern about the closing of Special Education classrooms
- 17 new EAs (50 schools)
- Concerns voiced about how students will be support
- Questions about how Special Education will look with these changes, how will schools be staffed? Will all schools have SSTs or Special Education Teachers
- Questions about how the data from the survey was interpreted
- Spec Ed Review - 4000 responses, overwhelmingly equity of access was wanted, programming, planned inclusion, increased supports (non-siloed), those pockets of support do a good job but there are not enough spaces, currently 33 programs + school to community classrooms, most school to community teacher are itinerant and travel from school to school.

- LDSB is moving to a new model - IST staff will be school-based
- IST is a new role, Tier 2/Tier 3 support for more complex learners, there will be a dedicated space for these teachers/classrooms
- Unknown which schools will get IST supports
- Student support teacher will remain at Southview
- Southview may also get increased EA support
- IST jobs will be apply and compete
- The goal of sight based support is that it meets the needs of more students
- Parents still have a lot of questions and they are looking for more information from Ed Services and Superintendents, there is a desire for them to provide more information

8. Next meeting: May 22, 2024 @ 6:30PM

- Community officer presentation 6:00PM

9. Vote for SAC Banner

- Vote to approve \$100 for banner to identify the parent council group, new identifier needed
- Approved by council