

## Springvale Elementary School Advisory Council

Tuesday November 17, 2020

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

Attendance: Vincent MacNeil (Principal), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Karla Galloway (Parent), Jill Zhang (Teacher), Heather Fegan (PTA Vice President/Parent), Stratos Lazaros (Chair/Parent), Dawn Cullen (Community), T. Lazaros (Community member) Michelle Lamont (Vice Principal), Jessica Lumiere (Vice Chair/Parent), Mona Atkins (Community)

Regrets: Call to Order = 6:04 pm

1. Additions to Agenda – none added
2. Review and approval of minutes – Minutes reviewed and passed
3. Standing Agenda Items
  - a. Principal Report

-HRCE has 3 scenarios: HRCE Learning Scenarios are presently being prepared for given the changing public health situation (entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave) and the recent confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a Jr High and High school in Dartmouth.

- A/ Full return- presently engaged. There is staggered recess and lunch times and dismissals of 2:50, 2:55, and 3:00pm. Exit doors are being cohorted to reduce contact and interaction between students.
- B/ Class rearrangement to accommodate 2 meter spacing; class size will vary and be dependent on the physical space available. At present with allowing the gym, library and gallery spaces to be used as classrooms, Springvale students may not be required to relocate should Scenario 2 come into effect. Additional teachers will be drawn from speciality teachers who will be given a classroom of students. Grades 9-12 would complete remote learning.
- C/ Virtual Education: platforms are ready to be implemented. Teachers would teach virtually from the classrooms.

-Students have been cooperative, adaptable and have demonstrated very positive behavior during the the school year so far.

-Teachers and staff have taken on extra supervision to accommodate the cohorted recess and lunch times, start and end of day procedures

-High Fives and Warm Fuzzies occurred with virtual changes and reduced contact interactions. Jersey Day was a success and the generous donation from Tim Hortons with the mini-sticks given to the student body. Thank you Ms. Zhang!!

-Mr. McGowan shaved his head as Springvale raised over \$14,000 for Terry Fox. Thank you Mr. McGowan for supporting and facilitating the fundraising event. Way to go Springvale!

- School Photos and retakes completed.
- Professional Development Day- Black Lives Matter: a presentation by HRCE was given with positive and informative discussion; a presentation by Nicole Delory on Comprehensive Guidance including topics of inclusion, acceptance and resilience. She will be visiting classrooms to foster relationships and rapport with students and to provide learning life skills opportunities.
- Completed the Fire Drill, Lock Down drill, Hold and Secure drill and Table Top Relocation drill
- West For has assessed the outdoor classroom area and will begin the to transform the existing outdoor classroom into a safe, functional and usable outdoor classroom. PTA is helping with funding.
- PTI to be done virtually
- 4. Various teacher classroom needs were funded by SAC funds with PTA generously offering monetary support.
- 5. New business
  - 2020 appointments and members- Following agreed to 2 year term ending 2022 (September/October)
    - Stratos Lazaros (Chair/Parent);
    - Jessica Lumiere (Vice Chair/Parent),
    - Mona Atkins (Community),
    - Karla Galloway (Secretary/Parent)
  - Continuing Members of SAC:
    - Vincent MacNeil (Principal),
    - Michelle Lamont (Vice Principal),
    - Tracy McFeters (Teacher),
    - Jill Zhang (Teacher),
    - Heather Fegan (PTA Vice President/Parent),
    - Dawn Cullen (Community),
    - T. Lazaros (Community member)

6. Adjournment – 6:47pm

Next meeting via Zoom– January 19, 2021 @ 6pm