

Springvale Elementary School Advisory Council

Tuesday January 19, 2021

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

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

Regrets: Heather Fegan (PTA Vice President/Parent)

Call to Order = 6:08 pm

1. Additions to Agenda – none added
2. Review and approval of minutes – Minutes reviewed and passed
3. Standing Agenda Items
 - a. Principal Report
 - Jingle Bell run was a success and an uplifting fun experience.
 - Holiday Concert: Huge thank you to Ms. Bourke for all her hard work arranging and having the students prepare and perform the holiday selections. The concert was enjoyed by all.
 - Feed NS: 37 boxes of food were collected.
 - Student report cards were emailed to families. Very successful, may be a permanent change.
 - Parent teacher interviews were completed either virtually or by phone.
 - Professional Development Day: December: Black Lives Matter; January 4-8, 2021: preparations for remote learning; scheduling, of classroom and specialty teachers
 - Staffing Changes: New librarian – Easton Lucas; New Custodian – Vergie Guevara. Registration for school for 2021-2022 occurs in February; majority of pre-primary is going into primary. Presently 352 students at Springvale.
4. New business
 - Outdoor Classroom: There will be a contractor removing the old outdoor classroom. West For (forestry group) will provide landscaping between Springvale and the Halifax Christian Academy and install new seating. Exciting new edition to the school environment.
 - Professional development day Updates:

- Principal sent package regarding inclusive education/ BLM: self-evaluation. Well received and informative
- Jan 4-8: well received; worked on the scheduling for remote learning. Prepared for transition to remote learning if needed. Tentative schedule would see 2hrs for lower grades and 3 hours for upper grades of work.
- SAC money was used for resource acquisition for SLP, school psychologist working concentrated days with classrooms and larger groups P-3 focus. SLP specific curriculum phonetics \$140USD

5. Adjournment – 6:44pm

Next meeting via Zoom– Feb16, 2021 @ 6pm