

Springvale Elementary School Advisory Council

Tuesday May 17, 2022

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Virtual

Attendance: Stratos Lazaros (Chair/Parent), Vincent MacNeil (Principal), Tracy McFeters (Teacher), Jill Zhang (Teacher), Laurie Slaunwhite (Vice Principal), Mona Atkins (Community) Alison Ferguson (PTA Vice President/Parent), Dawn Cullen (Community),

Regrets: Karla Galloway (Parent), T. Lazaros (Community member) and Jessica Lumiere (Vice Chair/Parent)

Call to Order = 6:02 pm

1. Additions to Agenda – none added
2. Review and approval of minutes –Minutes reviewed: (Stratos motioned, Dawn seconded)
3. Additions to Agenda – none added
4. Standing Agenda Items
 - a. Principal Report
 - School wide project to celebrate Gaelic Awareness month and Asian Heritage month was a success. The joint venture with Bhangra dancing and Gaelic/Piper music along with a milling frolic, Gaelic language lesson and a collaborative art project took place May 6. It was filmed by Colleen Jones and aired on CBC. Everyone from pre-primary to Grade 6 was involved. Every activity aligned with grade-level curriculum outcomes.
 - Grade 3 assessment is taking place May 18, 19, 25 and 26.
 - Grade 6 assessment results are not yet available.
 - DAL Science is coming May 19. Classes will participate in hands-on science activities aligned with the curriculum.
 - The whole school will attend the Tattoo on June 24. It is a child friendly performance. Everyone will be masked, and schools will be spaced out. Chaperones will be needed, and a newsletter will soon go out to the school community.
 - This year, there will be an in-person grade 6 leaving ceremony. The size of the gathering will be controlled as only the grade sixes and their families will attend. Currently, everyone will be required to wear a mask.
 - Kids Run Club is up and running.
 - The grade sixes will be able to go to St. Agnes for orientation in preparation for their transition to junior high.

- We have continued with High Five Assemblies through the pandemic. We have recently switched back to in-person assemblies.
- Staff will most likely opt for the staggered entry next year beginning on the first day of school. It is a much calmer way to start the day for all and student anxiety is greatly reduced.
- SSP (P-2 Literacy Project), SSP Plan - we continuously work towards developing new and improved ways to meet student needs. We have literacy, Math, and Well-being goals to improve student achievement. The number of students not meeting expectations continues to decrease. However, it should be noted that students new to our school and EAL students are counted in these numbers. This plan is short cycle planning meaning the goals are worked on for several months then they are reviewed and adjusted.

5. New business

- a. Our new principal is Suzanne Cookson-Wehbe. She has worked with Vince in the past. A smooth transition is anticipated.
- b. Class configurations: We have 13 classrooms for next year. We are looking at two primary classes, two grade 1 classes, two grade 2 classes, one grade 3, one $\frac{3}{4}$ class, one grade 4 class, one 4/5 class, one grade 5 class and two grade 6 classes. Our classes are almost all at the soft cap so there is a possibility of reconfiguring in September if we have an influx of registrations over the summer. We are on the cusp of having a fourteenth classroom.

Adjournment – 6:44pm
Stay safe and be well

Next meeting: June 21 @ the Armview (6pm)