

Westmount Elementary Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 28, 2024 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Megan Gray, Annie Miller, Terin DeWolf, Erik Fraser, Suad, Teri Colter, Greg White, Runa Seal, Eric Thomson

Regrets: Donna Sutton, Andrew Hare

Guest: Amanda MacDonald

Call to order

Approval of agenda:

Approval of past meeting minutes: no minutes to approve

### **Old Business (Business arising from the last meeting)**

#### **New business:**

- Welcome and introductions
- Roles of SAC, Agreements and Bylaws-sent to members prior to meeting and will be added to the school website. We will use this as a reference tool throughout the year.
- Sharing highlights and sessions from SAC Conference (Greg and Megan)
- Electing the Executive-Terin and Annie will Co-chair-Runa and Suad approved, Erik will be secretary-Eric and Runa approved
- Scheduling monthly meetings
  - November 25
  - January 27
  - February 24
  - April 28
  - May 26
- Class configurations and school demographics:
  - 16 classrooms P-6
  - 2 Pre-primary rooms
  - 34 home languages (49% of families identify English as home language; 51% of families have a home language other than English)
  - Arabic, Persian, Tigrinya and Tagalog are the most spoken languages after English
  - Highest Ancestry amounts as identified by families: 29% European, 20% Asian, 20% African and 14% Middle Eastern

- Screen time (Megan Gray and Amanda MacDonald)-discussion about screen time during eating. Classrooms have activities for students to access after eating (i.e. look books, Uno, coloring). If a student doesn't eat their lunch, they can access it in the afternoon. There may be times when a video is on during lunch. This would be selected by the classroom teacher after reviewing using required screening methods (i.e. Bias Evaluation Tool, Know the Signals, Short Term Guide for Selection of Resources). There would be a purpose for accessing. Parents/guardians are encouraged to ask the classroom teacher if they have any questions. Lunch monitors do not have access to the computers during lunch.
- Added item: Suad identified safety concerns for students arriving and leaving school due to traffic and speed of vehicles. Having a crosswalk to help with safe crossing was discussed and making a call or email to 3-1-1 (all). Teri will include a speed reminder in the next Friday Memo. Eric will ask Bill Campbell (retired Municipal Planner) to discuss traffic concerns with the Planning Office. SAC will revisit this at the next meeting for follow-up discussions
- Overview of Student Success Planning (School Improvement Plan)-Goals listed below. SAC will discuss it at the next meeting.

Student Success Planning:

**Literacy Goal:** We will improve achievement in literacy for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

**Math Goal:** We will improve achievement in mathematics for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

**Well-Being Goal:** We will improve well-being at our school for each of our students, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

**WSA Update:** no update provided due to time.

Next meeting: November 25, 2024

Adjournment: 8:08pm