

Dr. Freda Miller School -School Council April Board Meeting Agenda

September 28th, 2023

In Attendance: Tim Oliver, Carlyn Oliver, Turab Hasan, Carrie Emes, Rochelle Hanson, Jen Guthrie, Anna Pena Egle, Kelsey McEwen, Liz LeDrew, Brooke Orser, Emma Duncan, Allyne Marriott, Sasha Wood, Diane Klaver, Chelsey Schock, Janelle Pepin, Amber Reinarz, Shannon Munro, Saheedat Ajiboye

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: by Allyne at 6:02pm
- 2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Shannon Seconded: Liz
- 4. Approval of Agenda: Liz Seconded: Turab
- 5. Chair Report
 - I. AGM Report
- 5. Key Communicators
- 6. School Report:
 - a. Enrollment Update 482 students enrolled as of the end of September. Up from the predicted 460 in June.
 - b. Staffing Update and Class Sizes There are 19 classes and 4 full time EAs. An additional 0.5 teacher will be added to the school.
 - c. School-wide Question and School Development Plan Foreshadowing
 How can we bring everyone together? The teachers and students
 are working on creating questions around land based learning.
 - d. Celebrations of Learning Each grade to lead/1 year.
 - i. Grade 1 Truth and Reconciliation assembly (in September)
 - ii. Grade 2 Remembrance Day assembly November 8th
 - iii. Grade 3 Summer Solstice assembly June 20th
 - iv. Grade 4 Pink Shirt Day assembly February 28th
 - v. Grade 5 Leaving assembly date to be determined.
 - vi. Kindergarten will help lead a "Welcome to Kindergarten assembly" for prospective students.
 - e. The Winter Solstice Concert will be on December 7th and will be similar to last year with each Grade doing their own part.
 - f. Orange Shirt Day September 28, 2023 Grade 1's presented an assembly to the rest of the school.

7. Old Business

I. The idea of a crossing guard was brought up again. Could volunteers be considered – they can. Suggested to reach out to parents and to the retirement community across the street.

- II. Parking is still an issue. Improvements have happened with less people pulling into the parking lot and less people parking in the bus area. The drop off area still needs to be improved as parents are parking.
- III. Buses are an issue and alerts are not reaching parents.
 Unfortunately, this is out of the school's hands and they would also like this to be smoother. An additional bus maybe added due to the number of students.
- IV. Signage around the school a permanent sign would cost around \$15,000. Signs will be created on sandwich boards to be placed around the school to help increase parent engagement. The idea of a fixed cabinet to display notices was suggested again.
- 1) New Business
- (a) AGM
 - Election of Chair Janelle Pepin
 - Election of Vice Chair Turab Hasan
 - Election of Secretary Liz LeDrew
 - Nomination of Role of Key Communicator Saheedat Ajiboye
 - Nomination of Role of School Volunteer Coordinator Leave for now, this would be more of a social media role.
- (b) Meeting Date and Times Keep 3rd Thursday of the month for now. Request by some for a later start time.
- 2) Next Meeting Date- October 19th, 2023 at 6:30pm
- 3) Adjournment by Allyne at 7:11pm