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## SAC Meeting Minutes of December 9th, 2020 6:30-7:00 pm

In Attendance: Nicki Eikelenboom, Nicky Smith, Chris Thompson, Kristyn Thoms, Denise Hilchie, Michelle Singer, Jill Sutton, Kathy McCulloch, Krista Laffin, Joslyn Paige, Chance McLellan
Welcome \& Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.
Review/Approval of Agenda: Approved as read.
Review/Approval of Minutes: Approved as read.
Business Arising From Minutes:

- Chris T wondered about the internet upgrades at the school and what speed they are now operating on. While Nicki E is not exactly sure of the speed, she will find out exact numbers for next time.
- All children in the school now have their own Chromebook


## Principal's Report:

- All kids and staff are still currently following their routine based on regulations from Department of Health
- Currently, Scenario B and Scenario C are being considered in case of any COVID cases
- Scenario B involves breaking classes down even further in size, by reducing to 15 students per classroom. We would move from 4 classrooms, to 6 classrooms. Specialty teachers (Music and Reading Recovery) would take on a class as well.
- Scenario C is the current focus and will move to an online learning model. If a case arises in our school, we will move to this online model. Each student has dedicated chromebooks that will be sent home with them. We are very lucky that all students have been designated these as not all elementary schools have. Teachers have been practicing with students in the classroom in preparation.
- Nicky S asked if Scenario C would be the go to, and Nicki E explained that it will ultimately be dependent on the scenario and situation - the directions will come down from the Department of Health. It is dependent on community, case, etc. The difference between Scenario C now, compared to Spring of 2020 is that students will be expected to participate in learning because computers are being provided. There will be 2 components: an online real time component, and a work-on-your-own component. Lots of examples and support will be provided.
- Bussing: each student has a maximum of 2 bus stops.

1. Home
2. Childcare.

There has been a lot of talk about this, and it is a rule we must adhere to moving forward.

- SSP: Student Success Plan focused on well-being.
- Kathy M: Uplift Grant of \$5000
- Lunch Program is back on January 5th, 2021. Wednesdays a free lunch will be provided for the kids. Soup, Milk \& Dessert (January to Year end)


## New Business:

- SAC currently has $\$ 7431.00$ in the bank. That is money from last year, and this year. The Phys Ed purchase ( $\$ 1155.75$ ) and Chairs ( $\$ 1070.94$ ) brings the total down to $\$ 5204.31$, which should be used by the end of March 2021.
- Ideas for ways to use remaining SAC Money include:
- More wobbly stools, 24 various seats, sleds and snow shoes for outdoor use.
- Nicky S, Joslyn P, Kristyn T voted yes to these purchases.
- Denise H questioned whether there would be enough space for the purchase of 24 new seats, but it was suggested that they could be spread throughout all of the classrooms.
- Chase M has concerns that sleds and stools may cause more germ spread, and fears the stools may be a distraction to students
- Kathy M suggests color coating the sleds, for each class, would minimize the spread of germs and keep them to a bubble. Everyone agreed this was a great idea if possible.
- The couch for the pre-primary classroom was taken care of. Nicki E contacted the Pre-Primary co-ordinator and things are sorted out with that.
- New water bottles are ordered for all the students and will hopefully arrive by the new year. Mabels Labels were ordered to add names to the bottles.

Next Meeting Date: January 20th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom
Adjournment: 7:16 p.m.

