

Bell Park Academic Centre School Advisory Council

Date: Oct.22, 2024

Members Present: Tara Rutledge, Cathy MacDonald, Karen Bartlett, Amanda Hayre, Nyesha Sparks

Regrets: Danita Williams and Jennifer Harding

1. Approval of minutes. There were no minutes available from last school year due to the recent revamp in the school website.

2. Student Success Plan update – School uses Short Cycle planning to work on math, literacy and well-being goals. Grade p-3 are using UFLI to focus on phonics to improve literacy abilities. 140 Magnet letter kits, Metal baking sheets and white board markers have been purchased to facilitate this program. The short term math goal is to improve fact fluency. Math drills and games are being implemented into the classroom and flashcards have been made. The well-being plan first step is in process as teachers build relationships with their new students.

3. Review of example Bylaws and Agreement. Alert will be sent to families looking for 1 parent and 1 community member. Members will ask around for a community member to participate and Tara will reach out to staff members. The copy prepared will be edited to and tailored to Bell Park. TO be shared at the next meeting.

4. Designation of Chair(s) and Secretary- Kathy and Nyesha have volunteered as co-chairs. The gnspe email and password will be shared with them for them to use the official SAC account. Amanda volunteered as Secretary and will take notes moving forward.

5. Principal's Report

Sept. 3rd Curriculum Night – Excellent turnout. Parents that have never experienced the first day of school with their child had the opportunity, alleviating the first day nerves, younger students didn't have to carry a loaded backpack on the first day. Teachers have given positive feedback too, it avoids "Parent/ Teacher" conversations during the curriculum night if it was help after school started. This will hopefully be continued for next year and will be decided in May when days are prepared for the next school year.

Classroom configuration – 12 classes, and 1 pre primary class, New staff

members

- Abbey Matheson - 4
- Thomas Colter – 2/3
- Ibukun Olomodosi – music
- Karrie Humble – 100% floating term
- Katie Bar – Prep support
- Natalie Hodgson – Counselor (Shared with another school, 50%)

Lunch program – Starting October 28. Online notifications and reminders were sent to parents. R n B Kitchen is preparing the meals and they will be in compostable containers. They are going to be delivered at 11:30 am so it can be ready to be distributed at 11:45 am.

5. Important Dates

- RCMP will be in the school before Oct 31st to discuss Halloween safety
- Grade 6 Provincial assessment - Oct 2-18: Went well
- Photo Day – Oct. 22nd, retakes are mid November
- Bus Evacuation Drill – Oct. 23rd (includes pre-primary)
- Halloween Howl – Oct. 24- Home and School are putting on this event and everyone is looking forward to it.
- Conference Day – Oct. 25th
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Nov. 7 (Kathy Marshall is organizing)
- Remembrance Day – Nov. 11
- H&S Meeting - November 14 (5:30 at the school)
- SAC Meeting - November 19 (virtually)
- Assessment & Evaluation Day – Nov. 22
- Parent Teacher evening – Dec. 5
- Parent Teacher Afternoon – Dec. 5
- Holiday Concert - December 10 (there will be an evening concert this year and the school community is very excited. 2 tickets per family for the evening concert. The afternoon there will be no tickets)
- Holiday Shop - December 12: Home and School is organizing and more

details to come soon.

6. Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Update on drills to date. Successful drills so far this school year, 2 Hold and Secure drills, 2 fire drills, and one actual hold and secure that went smoothly.

7. Meeting Dates for the year

Oct. 22

Nov. 19

Jan. 21

Mar. 18

Apr. 15

May 20

8. Next meeting date: Virtual meeting on Tuesday, November 19

Action Steps: Seek out community members (at least 1) and teacher participants. Virtual meetings might make it more accessible for others to attend.