

SAC Meeting - April 11 2022

Members: Lacey, Gillian, Pat, Susan, Rebecca, Michelle, Scott, Emilie

Principal's Report

Registration 2022-2023 PP 17 Pr 6 Looks like our configurations won't change much from this year. Primarily combined classes straight up.

Library and Makerspace Our Makerspace is up and running which is very exciting. Classes have all been in to explore and this Wednesday, Two Tech Teachers from the board will be in to do guided sessions. The materials consist of lego, magnetic blocks, arts and craft supplies, rainbow loom, cricut, button maker and a green screen. The school purchased an ipad with general funds to support videotaping and design. Gillian and I have created slide presentations to assist classes with expectations and exploration.

Phys. Ed Purchases Volleyballs, nets, pickleball, noodles, hockey equipment were purchased. We are in need of a wide shelving unit that is low. We are looking into this now. There is a work order for the board carpenter to build a shelf that fits in the crawl space.

Traffic Updates There has been an improvement in traffic flow over the past couple of months. Maybe the reminder emails helped?? The municipality also sent out info on traffic calming via speed bumps. On March 9th I participated in a webinar on the 6 E's of Active School Travel- Engineering-enforcement-Education-Encouragement-Evaluation-Equity. It was a lot of information. Westmount and to an extent, LMST accessed support through Walk n Roll. Where would we like to go?

Breakfast Program.

We have secured a contact for apple donations and are looking for quotes for muffins. The grab and go carts are running very well. Staff and student volunteers have been working well. We have lots of grant money from the Breakfast Programs to keep up with demand.

Caring Schools themes selected for next year:

- September Kindness (friendliness)
- October Gratitude
- November Respect
- December Cooperation
- January Belonging
- February Empathy
- March Perseverance (Resilience)
- April Responsibility
- May Acceptance

June Happiness

Report Cards and PT interviews

Reports went home seamlessly and it was exciting to have parents in person for interviews. With high numbers of covid cases in the school parents seemed to appreciate the choice of phone calls as well. Classes averaged between 5-10 in-person interviews. SAC members expressed that they liked the option of phone calls. They are more convenient and could be done from any location.

SSP and PD

Over the last couple of months, we have looked at literacy trends, implementation of a structured approach to literacy instruction and our SSP goals. We updated some of our learning goals:

- Teachers will utilize a structured approach to Phonological awareness and work work. (March 2022)
- Teachers will provide regular opportunities and activities that will build automaticity of all # facts (March 2022)
- Teachers will practice number sense and partitioning during mental math activities (March 2022)
- All staff received training on SEL and CSC and packages were handed out to teachers to use in their classroom (achieved February22)
- We are also looking at a structured approach to reinforce printing in the lower grades
- February's PD was on structured literacy and caring schools. Last week we looked at the new assessment policy.

Finances to date: SAC account sitting at \$4,051.23

Upcoming: Chris Kennedy Drumming Workshops April / May
Hope for Wildlife Workshops June
4 Science workshops through Scientist in Schools (invited)
Grade 5 Hatfield
Grade ¾ pottery lab
Preform Dance workshops coming in June

Minutes

Discussion on improved traffic at the school and the possibility of encouraging increased walking/biking/scootering to school. The bike rack was removed with the field renovations. Emilie will check with the city about bike racks. There is currently no space inside the school for scooter storage. We would need to look into a storage shed. Emilie will quote sheds and bike racks.

SAC funds

We discussed purchasing class supplies to improve math fact automaticity (sets of white boards, dominoes, decks of cards) and Handwriting Without Tears kits for P-1 classes for print instruction. Approved and will be ordered.

Members and Meeting Times

All members expressed interest in serving for another term for the 22-23 school year. We discussed the possibility of rolling back the time to 5pm. Most members were ok with this if the meetings were virtual.

Driveway

The condition of the driveway was brought forward. There is lots of wear and potholes. The side erosion is a safety risk for slips/trips. A word order will be put in.

Items for next meeting:

- Review pricing and quotes for the bike and scooter racks
- Math refresh and Handwriting resource for P-1