



Student Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Nov 9, 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions: Team

Attendance:

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Regrets:

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2. Approval of agenda: Kendra Bricker and Kendra Ferguson (approved)

3. New business:

Role of Secretary: Alexis Juliao will be noted as secretary for this team and will provide as much notice as possible when her work conflicts with her availability to attend meetings, in which case the team will back her up as the persons to take minutes.

Role of Treasurer: TBD (no volunteers for this role)

Virtual platform – Successfully completed our Nov 9 meeting via Microsoft teams which provides flexibility and better user interface. Future SAC meeting will move toward a hybrid model in which in-person AND virtual meetings will be offered.

Families Back in School: Please have your Police Checks and annual Declarations send into the office. When entering the school proof of vaccination must be shown and steps taken for contract tracing as mandated by the LMHU and TVDSB.

Meeting dates and times going forward:

It has been determined by the team feedback the best time for the SAC meetings going forward are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. The results were as follows (X indicates available to attend):

	First Monday of month 6pm	First Monday of month 7pm	First Tuesday of month 6pm	First Tuesday of month 7pm	Second Monday of month 6pm	Second Monday of month 7pm	Second Tuesday of month 6pm	Second Tuesday of month 7pm
Member Name:								
Darryl Mann								
Adam Nemeth								
Kendra Ferguson								
Kendra Bricker							X	X
Lindsay Lake	X		X	X	X		X	X
AleXis Juliao								
Janine Gibson								
Blair Masse	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tiffany Grubb							X	X
Jeanne Poulton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Andrew Poulton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Amanda Dedge	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michelle Coghlin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tara Santagapita	X	X			X	X		
Total	7	6	6	6	6	6	8	8
	Did not respond							

4. Old Business

PIF/PEF: Sept/Oct establish long term goals PIF and PEF. Utilized some of these funds on art supplies. Mr Mack has started an art club and will utilize some supplies for his art club. Other areas to investigate are activities for family engagement, resources for areas of interest – TBD and Darryl will canvass outside groups (eg other SAC teams from other schools) for ideas for fund utilization.

Dress Code: Lindsay Lake and Kendra Ferguson and Michelle Coghlin met on Oct 18, 2021 to review current dress code and submitted our thoughts on updates to the current dress code using the Toronto School boards update as a starting point. Mr Mann acknowledged receipt of our proposed changes and indicated the board as a whole was going to be issuing new guidelines for dress code; coming “soon”. It was decided to hold any further discussion on dress code until the new guidelines are set and reviewed.

This was a hot topic and lots of team discussion had, both in favor of a needed update and those opposed to the team recommendations and everything in between. More to come on this

5. Principal Report:

Shared with team, please share importance of parent portal, no change to staffing allocation. Lucky to have the skills of our teachers and professional leader at WNPS. COVID screener to be completed every day and WNPS is doing a great job and has great attendance.

Amanda Duncan: has accepted a new position within TVDSB and her position has been filled by Adam Nemeth. We are happy for her contribution to WNPS and wish her all the best in her new role.

School Improvement Update: has been identified there is a need for improvement with learning gaps noticed across the school board. There is help on the way to address and correct these gaps for all students.

Elementary athletics: letter sent to all parents today Oct 5, 2021. Further answers to questions can be found on the TVDSB website. WNPS staff and community is jumping at all opportunities to get clubs and sports up and running. Informal conversation with Arden on ideas to collaborate with I Love Thorndale for best possible extracurricular available options.

Field trips: a few are approved for this year to date to outdoor learning centers. In school field trips are approved (following covid guidelines of course).

Hot Lunch: happy to announce hot lunches are approved to start again. More details to come.

School Pictures: happy to announce school pictures are in progress to complete grade by grade starting with the senior students (GR8). More details to come.

6. Other:

Student Conduct: It has been brought up (thanks Jeannie) student behaviour, particularly use of offensive language and littering are as issue when students are out on their breaks. Loud, disruptive and use of offensive swear words on the street are becoming seemingly more common and the litter of containers (Sassy's boxes for example) more noticed. This not acceptable, and yet what can the school do aside from educate students on manners and respect for their community? Students are 'parent approved' - signed out on their breaks and the school can't stop the students from leaving school property if the parent has approved it. Nor is the school responsible for that student while off school property on their break. If there is an issue, deal with it kindly with the student at the time or contact the school with student name so the parents can be notified of the complaint.

7. Next Meeting is Dec 14, 2021 6pm

Meeting ended 8:15pm

