



School Advisory Council

January 14th, 2021

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Adair Roop – Chair
Krystal Denny – Parent
John Symonds - Parent
Angela Akpan – Parent
Bridget Beaton – Teacher
Stephen Driscoll – Principal

Observer(s)

Regrets

Denise Surette – Teacher
Lynn Doyle – Vice-Principal
Darlene Symonds- Community Member

Minutes: Taken by Bridget Beaton (teacher)

Adair: Review agenda. Follow-up with some items discussed in the last SAC meeting.

Accessible Swing: Where is the status on the accessible swing? The swing has arrived at Cavalier but has not been put up. There have been emails sent to HRM and HRCE regarding getting the swing set up. The swing will replace 2 rubber swings on the swing set. Head of operations has been contacted. A follow up email will be sent by Mr. Driscoll if the swing is not up in the upcoming weeks.

Spiderweb on the playground: We are still waiting for the spiderweb to be fixed on the playground.

Gaga-Ball Pit: Cavalier has a new gaga-ball pit. The students are enjoying this. All classes have been taught the rules of the game in Phys. Ed. class before Christmas break.

Traffic flow/ parking for parents: The traffic flow is congested in the mornings when busses are arriving. There have been some complaints over where parents are parking to drop students off. There is stopping on both sides of the street for those dropping students off at 7:40 am and later.

Bussing: Q: Are there any updates from stock regarding bussing times? Some busses are picking students up as early as 7:00 am. We do not have busses arriving late most mornings. Students are arriving on time when taking the bus.

Report Cards from Term 1: Report cards were well received through the new online system this year. We were able to assist parents in accessing the student reports online.

Parent-Teacher: Parent-Teacher interviews were through phone calls first term, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

January 4-8 PD week for teachers: Review of the technology integration PD that teachers received while the students received an additional week of Christmas break.

Q: What was the parent's perspective on the PD week?

A: It was easier to plan a week of teacher's having PD than sporadic PD days throughout the year.

Q: Would this be something that could be considered for additional years?

A: Indefinite answer.

Q: How are you preparing for students without technology?

A: There is currently only one family without internet access. Families who indicate that they will need technology will be provided that if a situation of Plan C happens. A survey was sent home last year regarding access to technology at home.

Stephen: The next step for preparing for Plan C, if we ever go there, is for staff to prepare learning schedules for online learning. The expectations will be different than they were remote learning last year.

Next meeting date: Thursday, March 4th 2021