

PARK WEST SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: January 15 Time: 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance

Students: Grade 7 Rep, Grade 9 Rep

Parents: Karen Saweczko (chair), Sheetal Ajay

School Staff: Ms. Bennett, Ms. MacIntyre

Community Members: Glenn Anderson, Janet Lee, Waseema Nazim

School Administration: Mr. Carter, Ms. Olsen

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Reports:
 - a. Principal
 - b. Student Representatives
3. School Success Plan Update (Ms Olsen)
 3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting
 - a. MA Rafah Dicontanzio ref Modular Classroom
4. New Business
 - a. Budget Spending 2019/2020=\$5834
 - b. Possible Presentation on Vaping
 - c. Possible SAC event reference parent engagement
 - d. Garbage cans for PWS
 - e. Inclusive Education Policy (Mr Carter)
 - f. NS Provincial School Code of Conduct (Mr Carter)

5. Adjournment:

- a. Next Meeting February 19, 2020

1. Call to Order

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

2. Reports

a. Principal

- Publication Provided: Park West School Report January 15, 2020

Mr. Carter highlighted two items from the report:

- Winter concerts will be held February 25 & 26 for students in grades P-3.
- As a precaution after new lead level guidelines, the HRCE is providing bottled water to all schools that have not been tested. Testing is more effective in the warmer months and therefore will likely not occur until the summer.²

• b. Student Representatives

- Grade 7 –Presentations on oral hygiene and school culture were both well received.
- Grade 9 – It is nice to have the whole gym available for the JH dance. The staff and Mr Cobean are doing a great job of prep for high school. The students are thankful for the opportunity to fundraise for the Grade 9 trip.

Question raised about the Band teacher; she is on extended leave but a new graduate has been hired once her licencing is done.

Sheetal also asked how to submit a complaint with respect to the school photographers. Their contract will expire June 2021.

3. School Success Plan Update

Each grade does a fall pre-assesment to determine who needs extra assistance. Then

formal assessments are done in May and the teachers look at reasons why students may not have improved. The SSP is redrafted every May and helps teachers plan for the year ahead.

4. Business Arising from a Previous Meeting

- Unfortunately the MLA was unable to attend and will be coming February 19 instead.

5. New Business

Budget Spending: After some discussion the following was agreed upon for budget spending for 20/21. a) Mathematics Resources \$600

b) Elementary Science Resources \$500

c) JH Science Resources \$800

d) Physical Education Resources \$1500

e) Writers Federation Program \$500

f) EAL Program \$200

g) PALS Program \$150

h) French Resources \$500

i) Literacy Resources \$1084

Possible presentation on vaping: No current issues at PWS, Mr Carter would want teacher input

Possible SAC event reference parent engagement: Will wait until there is information on new school.

Garbage Cans for PWS: there are four garbage cans, one for each door, that are outside during the day.

Inclusive Education Policy: This is an umbrella policy covering all other policies and procedures. It was developed as a result of the Glaze Report but we are already doing a lot of the policy at PWS. The HRCE had a similar policy in the past. Teachers are to focus on both academic achievement and well-being. There is also a focus on equality for marginalized students. It is important that all cultures are brought into a school. The principles of the policy are the road map for education.

NS Provincial Code of Conduct: Also developed by the EECD. To control student behavior administration has to focus not just on punitive strategies but on ways to encourage new behavior and better coping strategies.

Adjourned: 706 pm.

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Next Meeting: November 20, 2019

