

# **PARK WEST SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Date:** February 19, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

### **In Attendance**

**Students:** Grade 8 Rep, Grade 9 Rep

**Parents:** Karen Saweczko (chair), Sheetal Ajay, Jeff Rogers

**School Staff:** Ms. Bennett, Ms. MacIntyre

**Community Members:** Janet Lee, Waseema Nazim

**School Administration:** Mr. Carter, Ms. Olsen

**Regrets:** Mr. Melanson, Ms. Petrie, Glenn Anderson, Grade 7 Representative

### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
  
2. Reports:
  - 2.1 Principal
  - 2.2 Student Representatives
  
3. School Success Plan Update
  
4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting:
  - 4.1 Update on Modular Classroom
  
5. New Business
  - 5.1 Parent Presentation: Ulanda Uliana
  - 5.2 HRCE Announcement on Pre-primary for PWS
  - 5.3 SAC Bylaws (item added during meeting)
  
- 6 Adjournment: Next Meeting March 11, 2020

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## 1. Call to Order

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M.

## 2. Reports

### 2.1 Principal

- **Publication Provided:** Park West School Report February 19, 2020

Mr. Carter highlighted a number of items from the PWS School Report:

- Mr. Corbett has move to a new assignment at another school.
- A number of teachers have taken deferred leave and have been replaced for the remainder of the school year.
- There has been no replacement sourced for the Speech Pathologist and there is no update as to when that may happen.
- Currently there are 15 pre-primary registrations and 16 primary registrations for September 2020.
- Current school population is 878 students.
- New Pre-primary Program for PWS will start in 2020 but will be located offsite in a leased space. PWS will now be identified as a PP-9 school (Pre-primary to Grade 9).

### 2.2 Student Representatives

Grade 8

- During Healthy Living the class worked through a bullying module where they covered a story Welcome Back Devon. There was good discussion about the issues faced in the story and recognition by the students that they did not experience this type of behaviour at PWS and that they feel safe at the school.
- The no backpack in class rule has caught on. While not popular when first put in place students now see the benefit of having it.
- Happy to see Black History Month recognized at the school and that almost every class had related activities for students.
- Bake sale was appreciated by the Grade 8's as the snacks were great and the prices affordable.

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- Students appreciate Google Classroom when the teachers use it to upload content and assignments.
- In Science students completed a module on light where they created different images by directing light through different prism. Their work has been posted for all to see.
- Great to have a new Band teacher, students have been learning rapidly.

#### Grade 9

- 1<sup>st</sup> Band class with the new teacher was today, students learned a lot in their first hour session.
- Recognition of Black Heritage Month saw students participate in a variety of activities. Students are appreciative of the diversity of the school and the efforts made to celebrate all.
- Healthy Living saw the students participate in skating at the Halifax Oval.

### 3. School Success Plan Update

***Document Provided: SSP Report February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 SAC Update***

- SSP funds will be directed for substitute teachers so P-3 teachers can participate in professional development (PD) March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- This PD will support 12 teachers with the SSP Math goals and strategies.

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

#### 4.1 Updates on Modular Classroom

- MLA DiConstanza was to attend today's meeting and declined passing that she had met with EECD and they are focused on the Pre-primary Program and there is no information forthcoming on modular classrooms for PWS.
- Chair requested a meeting with Elwin Leroux which was declined.
- Group agreed that letter was to be sent to EECD and HRCE.

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## 5. New Business

### 5.1 Parent Presentation: Ulanda Uliana

- Parent and PTA Member and proud of the PWS family.
- Diversity and inclusion makes PWS exceptional.
- Feels there should be greater concern and sense of urgency in demanding resources.
- Younger students are the most vulnerable.
- Teachers do not have adequate space.
- Demand for change should be a focus.
- School is in a state of emergency and should be treated that way.

### 5.2 HRCE Announcement on Pre-primary at PWS

- Original email notification caused some alarm in the community as it did not clearly identify that the program would be housed off-site. It has since been clarified that the program will be housed offsite in some leased space.
- The request for modular classrooms would be the interim solution for existing overcrowding until a new school is constructed and would also be a long-term investment in bringing the Pre-primary program back into the school in the longer term.

### 5.3 SAC Bylaws

#### ***Document Provided: Park West School Advisory Council Bylaws***

- Document circulated is the revised output after EECD made amendments.
- EECD wanted to see more uniformity across all SAC's so changes were made.

Adjourned: 6:47 PM

Next Meeting: March 11, 2020