**Date**: Jan 18, 2023

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

# In Attendance

**Students:** Grade 9 Rep

**Parents:** Karen Saweczko; Nirety Twy

**School Staff:** Beth Landers

**Community Members:** Janet Lee; Sheetal Ajay

**School Administration:** B. Anyanwu

**Regrets:** Grade 7 Rep; Dawne MacLellan

# Agenda

1. Call to order

2.1 Update on proposed new school (Rafah DiCostanzo, MLA)

2.2 Discussion on SAC budget and proposals for 2021-2022 spending

* 1. Request from HRCE re new Director requirements

3.1 Principal Report

* 1. Student Reports

4. Adjournment: Next Meeting March 22, 2023

1. Call to Order

 The Chair opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M. The meeting was held in-person.

2. New Business

2.1 Thanks to our MLA for meeting with us tonight! In 2020, the former government requested the use of parkland for a new school in the Clayton Park/Fairview area. This parkland is found immediately behind Park West School. There are no other available spots for the new school, excepting Bayers Lake, which would require bussing of all students. The HRM declined to transfer the land to the province after a community survey. The current government has now gone back to HRM to ask for the parkland, as there are no other suitable spaces for a new school. The report on the transfer is to be released on Jan 20 and to be discussed at the council meeting Jan 24. All parents interested in ensuring the new school is located in the community rather than in Bayers Lake should provide letters to the Council. (NOTE: The discussion was taken off the agenda for Jan 24. SAC Chair will update the website when the report is available). Discussed were the HRCE focus on student well-being and the benefits of a walking school vs bussing school, in addition to the environmental impacts of bussing.

2.2 Beth to determine the final cost for 10 pieces of research equipment for the Science lab. Estimated at $1500. We have $5900 to spend. The LSC also requires new IPADS, which cost $500 each. Discussed buying the science equipment and three IPADs, with the rest of the money being spent on books. Final decision to be made in March once amounts are confirmed.

2.3 HRCE is requesting that the SAC comment on “the key knowledge, skills and attitudes the next HRCE director should have, as well as the key priorities for HRCE schools for the next five years”. Please share input with SAC Chair prior to Feb 1, so that comments can be shared by deadline of Feb 3.

3. Reports

3.1 Park West ranked thirds in the province in the math provincial assessment, with literacy well above standard. The 7-9 math program has done targeted work for kids who are having issues, which has benefited us with the provincial assessments. There are three SSP teams within the school. Teachers have received 5 new laptops from HRCE IT. The roof is leaking but the Director of Ops is aware of the issues. EECD may still take back the classroom in the modular building. Liason officer has to be called to deal with a parent driving into the school. Lunch supervision is an issue due to a lack of lunch monitors. Consideration is being given to sending the Junior High students home over lunch due to the supervision issues.

3.2 No student reports were given. The Grade 7 Rep sent an email detailing the school basketball team success, as well as that all is going well in Grade 7 and that there is a JH dance coming up on Jan 26th.

Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Next Meeting: March 22, 2023.