

Smokey Drive Elementary School Advisory Council

26 January 2022

Draft Minutes

Present		Regrets	
Parent (Chair)	Reielle Bugbee		
Parent (Vice-Chair)	Kara Hobbs		
Staff (Principal)	Carolyn Thompson		
Staff (Vice Principal)	Katrina Longard		
Staff	Jenn Robar		
Staff	Stephanie Bellefontaine		
Staff	Robert O'Connor		
Secretary	Thomas Hill		
Community Member	Deanna Lowe		

1. Call to order

Reielle Bugbee called the meeting to order.

2. Principal's Report

Carolyn Thompson noted that three of Smokey Drive's classes have had visits at the poetry lab at Rocky Lake Junior High.

Smokey Drive has been working with a literacy coach. The coach has recently been working with the primary class and the 1/2 class. They were able to purchase a few resources and the coach was able to set up reading workshops for the kids.

School psychologist has training and research in trauma informed care and has been a great asset to the school.

The holiday concert was shared internally with the school.

The school had four days of self directed PD in the beginning of January on returning to work and then working online.

They are hovering at about 80-85% attendance.

Mask compliance is very high. Kids are wearing well fitting masks that are not falling down as much.

They did change schedules a bit. They were able to give every class dedicated playground space and time without having to cohort. Kids all received two masks and four test. They are expecting a replenish-able supply of tests. The school also has a few left over in case families need those tests.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda and the minutes were approved by consensus. The group felt the level of detail in the minutes was adequate.

4. Student Success Planning Update

Carolyn Thompson noted the school has discussed this during a PD day

a. Literacy

Tracking meeting or not meeting the goals from Primary to grade 2. Carolyn noted that two of the three grades have shown a great deal of improvement over the first term, while the third class maintained their skill level.

Grades 3 to 5 are expected to improve over baseline.

Teachers are using targeted workshops to implement literacy goals.

b. Math

Using collaborative activities to build math skills. The teachers are looking to understand how students think through problems so that they can adjust their approaches via formative assessments. The teachers use this approach to give students ownership of their learning and to increase collaboration. They are working towards fluency over memorization.

The impulse behind these approaches comes from what teachers are seeing students struggle with in grade 10 math.

c. Well-being

Should have some results back soon from the survey done last year. This was something that was published in April, asked to do it by mid-may, but the schools shut down early due to covid, and so many classes were unable to complete this.

Talked about what the staff will focus on in their own professional development.

Students will be able to demonstrate an ability to name emotions.

Staff will focus on making positive relationships with all their students.

5. Continued Business

a. Covid Procedures

This item was attended to earlier in the meeting. Carolyn added that she sent out a procedures email earlier in the month. The school is able to allow students to work in small groups, though the goal is to ensure they are consistent small-groups.

b. SAC Grant—teacher proposals

The SAC discussed ways to allocate SAC grant funding. Funds were committed in principle, understand that final costs may fluctuate.

ITEM	COST
Total	\$8050
Primary reading stations	\$300
Lego Bases	\$70
Levelled readers (books) for Higher Grades	\$2000
Chrome Books	\$2000
Student projects	\$1000
Legacy Project (for the outdoor classroom)	\$2680
Remaining Total	\$0

ACTION: Thomas to send information on technology resources/supplies to the group that could be purchased.

6. New Business

a. Healthy Schools Grant

The SAC discussed ways to spend the grant. Funds were committed in principle, understanding that final costs may fluctuate.

ITEM	COST
Total	\$5255
Gaga Ball Court	\$2000
Remaining Total	\$3255

ACTION: Rob O'Connor to reach out to Stephen Driscoll at Cavalier Drive School for information on a Ga Ga Ball pit.

ACTION: Thomas Hill to reach out to Sackville High School to inquire about their Skilled Trades program to see if they can build a gaga ball pit.

7. Adjournment

Reielle Bugbee thanked the SAC for their involvement and closed the meeting. The next meeting will take place on 23 February 2020.