

Smokey Drive Elementary School Advisory Council

23 February 2022

Draft Minutes

| Present | | Regrets | |
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| 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. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of Summary

The summary was approved by consensus.

4. Student Success Planning Update

a. Literacy

Continuing to track P-2s. Data inputted on Friday, so no full report, but staying pretty consistent. Some kids are not reading at the appropriate level, but have still showed a great deal of growth since September, which might not be visible in the data.

b. Math

Math consultant is working one-on-one with the grade 5 teachers. Classes are working toward knowledge of multiplication facts, with students demonstrating the knowledge but also how they know the knowledge.

c. Well-being

Survey results have come back. The survey was implemented right before shutdown last may. 95% of kids noted they had at least one good friend to speak with if need be, and 95% said they have one trusted adult. The vast majority of kids also expressed enjoyment of school, and ability to do well, and a feeling of belonging. There is still room to expand these numbers but the large proportions are a positive finding.

47% believe their teacher's understand their lives outside of school. Carolyn Thompson noted the interesting questions that arise from these findings.

This data informed the student success plan. Teachers met on the PD day and workshopped how best to support their students and make them feel welcome and empowered. It was noted the Teachers found this exercise to be very impactful. The Teachers also workshopped short term goals for the next 3 weeks to help work toward Math goals. The board is moving more toward short term goals as opposed to focusing on 5 year long term goals.

5. Principal's Report

February is African Heritage Month. Classes are working on a Powerpoint presentation to share. The teachers want to continue these projects throughout the year.

The Music class has access to boom whackers.

6. Continued Business

a. SAC Grant—teacher proposals

Carolyn Thompson noted most items are in the queue to be purchased. The Student Projects item has not been actioned yet, so that is next on the list. The Librarian wants to turn the library into a Learning Commons.

7. New Business

a. Healthy Schools Grant

The SAC was updated on the cost for a Gaga ball pit, which could reach up to \$3500 if paid labour was required

A contractor has been contacted to come and clean up some of the debris from the recent storms. There was also some interest in taking classes into the woods, though it would require some clean-up. The SAC supported calling for a school community clean-up.

8. Adjournment

Reielle Bugbee thanked the SAC for their involvement and closed the meeting. The next meeting will take place on 30 March 2022.