Alderney Elementary - School Advisory Council (SAC)

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Sherri MacDonald, Amanda Reardon, Kayleigh Mills, Peter Gilfoy

Regrets: Annik Stevens, Jeremy Ross

Thursday, April 11, 2024 2:55pm AST

1. Call to order 3:08

2. Approval of agenda –Amanda moved; Kayleigh seconded motion

3. Approval of previous meeting’s minutes, Amanda moved; Kayleigh seconded motion

4. Previous business

**SAC budget**

5288.00 remaining

5000.00 rolled over from last year, so we did a good job spending the rollover amount.

Previous spending Highlights:

700 Maritime Marionette’s

2000 plus spent Calming room upstairs and calming areas in classrooms

200 x 5 Classroom libraries

900 for classroom teaching Ipads with math assessment software -

Used for formative assessment – meaning assess as students are learning so that it can inform how to teach all students to meet outcomes by the end of the term. Software reduces the risk of misplacing assessments and having to manage physical student files.

Future Allocation of Funds:

**-Suggestion allocation of $500 to create a resource bank for our floating school counsellor.**

Proposal is for teachers to look at list of items requested and give input on what makes most sense to purchase.

Some of the previous materials may still be in the library – may want to cross reference with Annik before purchasing any books.

Prioritize these materials being placed in a location where they are accessible for the other 4 day of the week for Alderney staff. Counsellor is here for 1 day per week.

-Once staffing is confirmed for 24/25 school year, ***will send note to all teachers to let them reflect on what they’ll need going into 24/25 school year. They will have a set amount to spend in September. Amount can be determined at future SAC meeting.***

Swing set: 7,000 remains in playground budget. Would be nice to have equipment adjacent to soccer area. ***If Annik has any feedback on how Bois Jolie secured funding we could perhaps replicate that.***

Updating tech

Of note: we have 12K in grant money for outdoor pursuits – field trips should be funded with this.

**Volunteer-led clubs at lunch**

Probably too risky to open that up to un-vetted volunteers. Alderney can consider this on a case by case basis if any community member comes forward on their own with a desire to start a club

**President’s Choice Power Full Kids Grant**

Unfortunately donations have lagged behind applications and they are waiting until they have a larger pile of funds before re-opening the program. It doesn’t look like it will be back this year.

Kayleigh is on a list of people they will reach out with any further updates.

5. New business:

**Innovation Grant – deadline April 18th**

Up to 10,000 per SAC for pilot projects that are innovative and solve existing problems. Projects should be linked to school’s Student Success Plan, support student achievement and well-being.

Sherri received email from Portland Estates asking if we’d like to participate in their teacher/parent workshops for school readiness, anxiety.

**Milk program**

Should we cancel milk program next year– a lot of milk is going unused by students who are opted in.

**RBC fundraising partnership**

Already underway, Emma was unable to attend today, but we will encourage her to join the SAC for future meetings.

**Request African and Indigenous support workers:**

***Peter will ask Isabel Obeid about how to make a request for these supports***

6. Principal’s report *(please allow 10 minutes before meeting ends to address any points from this report)*

-Math coaching and supports started this week.

-Literacy support coming to help our assessment results become stronger.

-Yoga is going well, lots of positive feedback about our kids at Alderney

-Healthy hunger – averages 150 lunches per week. Fully subsidizing 35% of lunches at a cost of .25c for families, 7% half price, 58% full price.

Universal lunch is coming next year- not sure how it will be executed – perhaps make healthy hunger 5 days a week and keep the pay what you can model.

Pd completed on trauma, schools plus has threaded in anxiety and social-emotional learning into classrooms

Coming up: Writing and Math assessments for grade 3

Literacy and math support here to prepare those students for assessments

13 primaries registered for next year

7 pre-primaries registered so far

Feels like enrollment numbers will be stable next year

Report cards and parent teacher feedback is great.

All teachers reported positive parent/teacher interviews from primary- 5

7. Public input:

Received email from community member Wayne, regarding messiness around Pre-K play area. Sherri will pass this along to Pre-K program*. Suggest using a small part of the gym to house their materials.*

8. Next meeting:

May – regular meeting

May 23rd @ 2:50

June – social gathering and debriefing

9. Adjournment:

4:28 pm