Alderney Elementary - School Advisory Council (SAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Action Items:

-Sherri to put a call out to community volunteers who are interested in sharing their hobby, skill during lunchtime. Or anyone interested in forming a weekly lunchtime club; chess, a craft, board games, book club, community builders club, etc.

-Annik offered to investigate how Bois Joli funded their new playground equipment – Alderney is considering a swing set

-Sherri to chat with Kelly Sherwood about possibly applying for the Loblaws Power Full Kids grant. Kayleigh will keep an eye out for when the grant opens this year.

Thursday, January 18 2023 2:55pm AST

1. Call to order – 2:59 – In attendance : Sherri Macdonald, Amanda Reardon, Annik Stevens, Kayleigh Mills, Peter Gilfoy

2. Approval of agenda – two changes made – adding of Innovation Grant as a new business item and striking that we needed a staff support member. We now have Annik Stevens on the SAC. Today mark’s her first

3. Approval of previous meeting’s minutes – all approved

4. Previous business

**SAC budget Spending**

Estimate 5400.00 remaining (minus 3,000 earmarked for calming room furniture, pancake breakfast, 1000 for classroom libraries; 200 x 5 classrooms, including Resource)

Looking into whether we can use SAC funding to hire a substitute to relieve teachers so that they can make plans to spend funding.

Calming room status : $3,000 allocated in November for purchase of calming room furniture.

$1,000 spent so far.

Classroom library $200 x 5r rooms (including resource) and $300 x 4 for Chapters/Indigo spending:

Ideas for future allocation of funds:

Well-being goals – winter sports equipment, alternative seating, soft lighting, lap desks.

Ideas from Ms. MacDonald: not necessarily from SAC, but could be:

Maritime marionettes coming next Friday - 700 plus tax

Maritime dance could come in next month – staff are deciding first and then it will be booked

Updating technology – iPads

Extra curricular at lunch – yoga (might be covered by the healthy schools grant, Sherri is meeting with them tomorrow morning), mad science, dance class during lunch time.

*Sherri can reach out to community to see if they have special skill and willing to share during lunch time (ie. Chess club), book club.*

Swing set – we do have 7,000 in the playground budget, perhaps we can get grant money for an accessible set. HRM for this – parks and recreation. Bois Joli received grants for their new set*, Annik is going to look into how they received their funding.*

***Lunchtime Yoga session was put to a vote, and all members voted in favour of supporting lunchtime yoga with SAC funds.***

**Innovation grant ideas**

Information is coming out in the spring (we should plan our SAC meeting closely following the release so that we can prepare our project and do the application).

**Math/Literacy Strategies Update – I don’t think time allowed to touch on this**

Updates from latest PLC meeting

Provincial writing standards – any identified strategies requiring funding from SAC

Update on new math support teacher, started in November

**SAC Membership update**

Jeremy Ross (former parent) has agreed to join - he in unable to make todays’ meeting.

**School Path/Emergency evacuation route**

Peter has reached out to Sam Austin and Claudia Chender.

5. New business:

**Power Full Kids Eatwell program:**

Balanced meals and a snack 4 days a week for all students. 36 weeks per year. 144 days. Must be a school employee to apply, with written consent from the principal.

School must contribute 20 cents per student per day of program. Approx. $19.60 per day for Alderney. 2,822.40 in total for all students for the whole year. (SAC could decide to contribute and/or home and school) <https://www.pcchildrenscharity.ca/power-full-kids-at-school/>

Application closed last year on May 26 and had overwhelming rate of applicants. Worth looking at when it re-opens.

Need to create a grantsconnect account (principal) – if willing to share login, I can help writing the application

*Kelly Sherwood from Healthy Schools is meeting with Sherri tomorrow – will start looking into this process*

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

* Calm room is coming along (soft lighting and curtains)
* Lunch program, healthy hunger, is coming along. A lot of time back to Ms Cross. We’re happy to have that off her plate. Many have signed up.
* New caretaker
* Building
* School success strategies set up for the next term: Work on individualized writing, accountability and responsibility.   
  Individualized maths   
  Buying things for tool kits that could come from SAC
* African Nova Scotian committee – Sherri and Mrs Johson. Plan for heritage month. Scavenger hunt around school.
* Maritime and African dance company to come in
* Family literacy day next Friday
* Bingo PTA. If money is made, for popcorn machine
* $15 hour – lunch monitors are needed

7. Public input: N/A  
  
8. Next meeting: Thursday, February 22 @ 2:40

9. Adjournment: