Alderney Elementary - School Advisory Council (SAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18 2023 2:40pm AST

1. Call to order: 2:55 pm

In attendance :

Ms. MacDonald

Ms. Reardon

Kayleigh Mills

Peter Gilfoy

2. Approval of agenda: Kayleigh Mills motion to approve; Amanda Reardon seconds motion

3. Approval of previous meeting’s minutes: Kayleigh Mills motion to approve; Amanda Reardon seconds motion

4. Previous business:

**SAC budget for 23/24:**

Total SAC budget remaining from last year = $4350.00

Another ~$5,000 should be coming again in January

**Lynn Coolen art projects for this year:**

Update = program is all booked for this season, re-opens in the new year

SAC could support this, depending on what HRCE funds us. Will revisit if/when we secure a booking

**Home and school discussion:**

Membership is going well this year – 8 new members at initial meeting

Goal at end of last year was 1 community event per month. The focus of Home and School is less on fundraising, and rather more on connecting community/home/families with the school.

Status of Gaga pit – Sherri will be putting out tender for construction.

5. New business:

**SAC Membership:**

Ideally we would round out the current board with 2 community members total – (Currently we have Rhonda Simpson serving as a member)

Ideas to add a second community representative = Reach out online to local community pages– share to Penhorn group, reach out to parents in newsletter.

Brandon Gilfoy – Peter will ask

1 support staff member – Sherri will reach out to support staff to gauge interest

**SAC budget spending Ideas:**

Creation of a calm room –low lighting. Currently the office or LC is this space. There is an application out for a grant through school’s plus. But SAC could fund this initiative in the meantime.

Towards School’s Well-being Goals:

Winter outdoor sports equipment

Alternative seating

Soft lighting

Lap desks

School improvement plan in 3 areas: math, literacy and well-being. With a focus on African/indigenous connections being a focus. Historically there is a disconnect between school and culture. Sherri will share the well-being goals with parents and share the strategy.

Field trips allocation

Assemblies

**Literacy strategies:**

Literacy coach starting at Alderney on October 18

Andrew will work with all classrooms

Assess students and how they’re doing, and then engage teachers and staff as a team

Uses tech integration (green screen and QR codes and play-based story workshops.)

Laura Macintosh – Literacy Consultant

Monthly PLC meetings ongoing

**Free class trips to AGNS until January 14, 2024:**

Requires 5:1 ratio

Book at least 3 weeks in advance

Max 30 students per booking, self-guided tour

Could be a low-cost outing (take the ferry, have parent chaperones drive to Alderney terminal)

Guided tour is $30.00 per group, optional

**Indigo Fundraiser Ideas & Grant opportunities for 23/24:**

Annik Stevens will be applying for Indigo Love of Reading Grant for 2024.

Home and School will be donating Howl funding towards Indigo Love of Reading grant – Sherri will confirm this on Monday night.

**Path adjacent to the school:**

Superstore is 1st relocation site. Hearthstone is 2nd in the event of an emergency evacuation of the school property. Both sites are accessed through the pathway, which is in disrepair. Peter will reach out to Sam Austin.

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

Enrollment is up and families are arriving from different areas.

Boys and girls club and breakfast program is going well – doing Instacart which saves a lot of time, no shopping

Curriculum night was a good turnout, nice to do it outside and get to check in with all of the support staff

50% epa posting is pending HRCE, currently a sub

80% posting will be up soon for another staff member that is leaving

Terry Fox – raised almost $100 this year

All emergency drills have gone well

Holiday concert is set for 2nd week in December

Information around literacy math and well being strategies will be discussed for next meeting

Outlook at Alderney is great. Sherri sees this year as integral for building a strong foundation at the school as the administrator, and is excited about this year, but particularly hopeful for great years ahead.

7. Public input: N/A

8. Next meeting: Thursday November 16th, tentatively

9. Adjournment: 4:11 pm