

Community Schools Association (CSA)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Attendees: Marcela Popowich, Ashley Fletcher, Rachel Reyes, Monsurat Sanni, Jonathan Mushey

Regrets: Marjorie Millman, Amanda Cowan

- i. Welcome and Call to Order – Ashley Fletcher**
 - a. Call to Order at 6:32 pm

- ii. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting – February 2022**
 - a. Motion to approve – Marcela, second: Ashley
 - b. Motion passed

- iii. Old Business**

None

- iv. Principals' Report – Rachel Reyes**

Current enrollment – approximately 655 students – many are newcomers to Canada

- Grade 7 & 8 basketball has started. At this time, no divisional league games are being scheduled.
- With the very recent changes to Public Health orders, we are waiting for specific direction from the division re: masks for Phys Ed, as well as tournaments.
- Mme. Gagnon has intramurals underway for all early years students at lunch time and they are going very well. Each cohort has the chance to participate in lunch time activities once per cycle.
- ESMP held a Covid vaccine clinic on December 17th for our younger students that went very well, and there will be a second dose clinic coming up at the beginning of March. More info to come.
- Traffic continues to be a concern in the front and the back of the school despite my many pleas for cooperation by our school community. We would appreciate the CSA's help in spreading the word that we need people choose alternate areas for pick up and drop off rather than the front and back of the school. Stopping in the middle of the road on Prince Rupert, and young children running into the street to jump into cars is of particular concern.
- We continue we do all we can to keep your children safe. This includes following all public health orders.

- Public Health orders are changing rapidly these days. Schools usually find out the changes at the same time as the public does and we then need to wait for direction from RETSD about specifics.
- Changes are communicated by the school to our community, under the direction of the division.
- The divisional website and RETSD Twitter accounts are also places to access up-to-date
- information from the division.
- We have been celebrating the Olympics! We had a special opening ceremonies virtual assembly for the early years classrooms on the first day of the Olympics, and we are also celebrating the medals that Canadian athletes have been bringing home.
- February is I Love to Read Month – we have lots of activities happening in classrooms and school- wide to celebrate and encourage reading and literacy throughout the month. Reading-themed spirit week last week, school-wide reading times coming up, sharing of tongue twisters, recipes, etc., virtual guest readers, and our SRO Constable Dale MacDonald coming in to read to classes.
- Recognizing Black History over the announcements every morning this month by sharing short biographies on influential individuals including Viola Desmond, Oprah Winfrey, Andrew Wiggins, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and more!
- Grade 6 students took part in a band clinic in January to explore a variety of instruments that they may be interested in learning to play. Opportunities are being planned in conjunction with KEC for Grade 8's to learn about band and choir programming and options for when they transition into high school.
- Band association looking for someone to coordinate fundraising for the band program.
- Thank you to the CSA for your continued involvement and support of our ESMP school
- community.

COMMITTEES

- Literacy continues to work on literacy and assessment
- Numeracy facilitated professional development session in February in Math
- Culturally Inclusive Schools continues to work on belonging and identifying cultural celebrations that represent our school community. Next steps include an upcoming community survey to identify all the different countries that are represented in our school. They also facilitated a professional development session for all staff featuring Elder Carol Moar, in February.
- Safe and Inclusive Schools are continuing to work on themes from the Circle of Courage (independence, generosity, mastery, belonging).

FINANCIAL REQUESTS

- NIL

v. **New Business**

- a. **Marjorie** just gone for a bit
- b. **Grade 5 French class** – A grade 4/5 collapsed with long term leave of teacher. Meant some students went to Ms Lund's and the rest into Ms Pockett's. It will remain in that split for the rest of the year.
- c. **Festival activities** – classrooms planning, some school wide activities
- d. **Yellow status – is that changing school programming?** Right now school is waiting for direction from the school division.
- e. **On March 15th no masks, right?** Waiting for school division direction

vi. **Adjournment 6:49 – Ashley Fletcher**