

**Fairvale Elementary School  
Parent School Support Committee**

**Date: November 17, 2021**

**Chair: Joanne Hanson**

**Secretary:**

**Meeting Time: 8pm-9:30pm**

**Location: Virtual Teams**

**Attendees**

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| Jill MacDonald  | Laurie Shillington | Leah Trevor     |
| Joanne Hanson   | Jessica Verner     | Sharf Chowdhury |
| Patti Scott     | <b>Regrets:</b>    | Drew Palmer     |
| Bonnie Hierlihy | Kandice Jones      | Jonathan Barry  |
| Sarah Richards  | Kate-Lynn Hachey   | Nela Ramirez    |

| <b>Agenda Items</b> | <b>Responsible</b> |
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| 1.0 Call to order | Acceptance and additions to agenda |  |
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| 2.0 Review minutes | October 20, 2021 |  |
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| 3.0 Items to review | <b>3.1 At Home Learning summary</b> | Bonnie/Sarah |
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Bonnie reported that there was engagement from the majority of parents. However, it was still challenging during the closure for many parents who continued to work so not all students could participate online. Depending on personal situations the engagement may be online but it may be watching recordings or completing learning packages. We didn't want families to feel like they had to put their life on hold to complete work so we communicated that. Specialty teachers (music and phys. Ed) participated and taught online in classroom Teams. We were very proud of the work our teachers put into their Teams sites and online instruction. Everyone made the best of the situation with some students even logging on at daycare. We are all happy to be back. Kids are excited to be back. Bonnie asked if there was any feedback from parents. Jill said that she felt our school was way more involved than other friends' schools and that we had a cohesive schedule that families could follow. Joanne appreciated how well organized it was on such short notice. Jess was impressed with all the teachers- all her kids were engaged.

**3.2 Student Survey-** Our survey used to be an annual survey for students gr 4-12 to gather information on learning, social emotional, bullying etc. We now have a new platform for the survey that will be available from Nov 29-Dec 23. With the new platform there are two surveys- one for gr 4-5 and one for gr 6-12. The gr 4-5 is on teaching and learning where the other one is more appropriate for older children. The survey App is loaded on the school iPads already. This will help us with school

improvement- what areas are going well from the students' perspective and what can be improved. There is now collaboration between EECD and Dept of Health. Our aim is to finish the survey around Dec. 10.

-Our **Teacher Perception Survey** opened today. We had teachers complete it today during our staff meeting. This survey has different sections- common vision, mission, goals, instructional leadership, instructional practices, supports for instruction (EST-R, EST-G), collaboration and staff interaction, professional learning. We will take that information when it comes back in January. We receive an individual report per school as well as a comparative report with other schools in ASD-S and provincially. We will share with teachers and with PSSC when we get those results. We tend to score quite well in the survey.

**3.3 November Awareness-** Our goal is making kids aware of children's differences and celebrating those differences.

**Diabetes Awareness Month-** We shared some announcements on Diabetes- what is diabetes, what does it mean to take insulin, what is your pancreas. We've shared some picture books that teachers can read with their class. Shared that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of insulin.

**National Child Day-** Nov 20<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow) **National Child Day** is celebrated in Canada in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children. We will share over morning announcements how children can celebrate this day.

**Respect and Diversity-** November was Respect and Diversity Awareness Month. Our Guidance Counsellor, Kerry Casey created activities for classrooms around this topic. She met with Gary Flannigan from Prude and on Monday she's meeting with Therese Trofimencoff Anti-Racism and Equity Coach to create videos on Diversity. Bonnie shared Kerry's presentations that were available for classes.

**Canada Career Month-** November is Canada Career Month at FES. Kerry Casey put a call out to families asking for videos about their careers. She received one new one this year and had eight from last year so has added them for children. She reads career jokes and riddles on the announcements and students have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite career during our Career dress up day.

**3.4 Student Goal Setting Update-**Sarah shared examples of how teachers are developing goal setting in their classroom including goal setting walls, celebrating when goals are achieved and discussing the steps to achieve a goal.

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| 4.0 Once around the table |             |
| 5.0 Adjournment           |             |
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**Next meeting: January 19, 2022 Teams Virtual Meeting**