



Back Bay Elementary School

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Principal: Aldena Higgins-Harris

Parent School Support Committee- Virtual Minutes

Feb. 7, 2022 6:00 pm

Welcome: Attended: Kathleen, Cheryl, Leta, Jennifer, Shelly, Aldena Not in attendance: Tammy

Motion to accept agendas: Dec. 13/Feb. 7- Kathleen/Cheryl. All in favour

Motion to accept minutes as written: Oct. 18/Dec. 13 Jennifer/Cheryl. All in favour

Business Arising from Dec. 13 meeting

- CO2 readings- Hepa Filters have been delivered to the school for each room- 2 per classroom.
- Student Survey results due Early April

New Business:

- Principal's Notes-
 - 1) Teacher/Staff appreciation- Have plans for a meal each day from the H&S or Aldena. Also small gifts each day are given to everyone, including bus drivers.
 - 2) Winter Plan Update- No current changes to current plan. Districts have been supplying each school with extra supply time available for issues on having staff out and positions not being filled. BBES share a full supply with DICS. Mr. Davis and I have 2.5 days each week (BBES Wed PM-Fri). Vanessa Leland has been hired for BBES and if needed on DICS and we do not need her, she would support them.
- 2) Staffing/Student Numbers – Update- Grade 2/3 class has Cassidy Cook replacing Stephen Swim. Slated for Jan/Feb currently with Mr. Swim to return in March. Louise has announced her retirement as of June 28.
--Currently 6 students registered for K.
- Budget- A conversation on school initiatives that could be supported by the PSSC. Last year kite day \$175 Remaining balance is \$325.
--We talked about community engagement and mental health initiatives that support getting families together and coming to the school. Normally a literacy night would be support but with COVID these events are not happening. We do

give free books to all students a couple times of the year as well as monthly give aways for our Citizen Seal Awards and this could be an option to help support. Also during the end of the year events the school would like to host again a kite day where students are given a kite and families are invited. Last year only one family member per student could attend with bubble spots in the field. We will hope that by June, things are opened up and we can invite more family members to attend. Also, we have many learning opportunities with the use of bubbles. Lastly discussed, our Heart Healthy School initiatives usually provide water bottles to each student. Aldena will look into Tupperware bottles and the cost. These three initiatives will be supported. To what degree will depend on cost. Motion by Kathleen, 2nd by Cheryl to purchase items for kite day, bubble activities, and depending on amount remaining, water bottles. All in favour. UPDATE: Budget- \$148.75 kite/bubble activities , Tupperware bottles \$176.25

➤ Parent / Community Engagement

Community/School Garden Club- A group of ladies from the community had been in during Nov-Dec clearing the gardens and prepping them for more plants in the spring. Also, looking at the cement basement areas and possibly a mural being drawn. Grants are being looked at by this group on getting work done.

Mental health /Suicide awareness pole banner campaign info- Also from the group above and will bring this initiative to H&S to possible support a school flag. They are looking at funding for putting more flags in the community.

➤ Home & School - Leta has joined the community since losing one of the parent volunteers in Nov. and as President of H&S she will represent this group as well.

➤ School Improvement Plan Targets - With Jan PL day not being a school improvement day, plan is not complete. Aldena continues to work with teachers/staff and have conversations with everyone on goals. Will bring updated version to next meeting for review and additions.

➤ DEC Agenda- Shelly thanked the group for continuing to get together during these difficult times. Monthly meetings are always scheduled 3rd Wed. of each month.

➤ Next meeting- Monday, March 28 6:00 pm