



Back Bay Elementary School

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Principal: Aldena Higgins-Harris

Parent School Support Committee- Virtual Minutes May 30, 2022 6:00 pm

Welcome: Kathleen MacDonough, Jennifer Wright, Aldena Higgins-Harris

Motion to accept agenda- no quorum

Motion to accept minutes as written: April no quorum

Business Arising from April meeting

- The ladies are continuing to work on the gardens with new plant and keeping things watered. They are doing up garden plans for the front gardens and applying for grants for ewater collection system as well as revamping the front gardens.
- Mental Health/Suicide prevention flag has been put on a hold until moneys for playground has been secured.

New Business:

➤ Principal's Notes-

- 1) Absences within the school- Staff illness' have now leveled out but still seeing a fair amount of students at home- some for more than a week at a time. 3 Still a fair amount of students absent- 3 week highest numbers- Week of April 4 6-12 out, week of May 16 4-6 absent a day, and week of May 24 5-11 students a day
- 2) 2nd Parent Teacher communications- Ranging from 69% to 92% on connecting with paretns. Very few parents face to face. Next year it will be a high expectation that F2F meetings go back to the #1 way of conducting parent teachers. Wonderful that there is a virtual option but too much reliance on other methods such as phone or email communications.
- 3) Staffing/Student Numbers- Staffing numbers are not 100 % definite yet but certainly looking at 3 homeroom classes (K/1, 2/3, 4/5). Keeping numbers consistent with this year. Currently there is 6 Pre-K's registered for K next year with 5 grade 5's moving to FMHS's grade 6.

- Parent / Community Engagement - Kite Day/ New River Trip- The school is hoping to have parents or family in for the time that has been designated for class Kite flying time on Friday morning. Home and School will be supporting our New River trip with transportation and lunch for the students/staff. Outdoor games will be set up and water play will occur. With very few volunteers available the day will be structured as a fun day at the beach.
- Home & School - Playground- Work is being done to try to acquire the remainder of funding and having a company in place to do the installation.
- School Supply List Policy- Aldena spoke of Policy 157 and will attach the link to find it on the district web page with the minutes. Also shown to the group were the 2 supply lists from this year and had opinions of what worked and what didn't. Kathleen felt that nothing looked too much and understand the ideas that Jennifer shared on what was needed more this year.
- Reviewed the SIP that was discussed last month and distributed with April's minutes. The plan is a working document and will be revisited next year as it is a 3 year plan.
- DEC Agenda- Shelly not in attendance
- Thank you!!!