

EREC School Advisory Council

Minutes of November 2, 2020 – 3:00 pm

In attendance: Sonya Sauvé, Janet Carter, Jaime Landry, Lisette MacDonald

Meeting called to Order.

School Report

Report cards are going home November 23. When we were home last time they were distributed electronically. We have the option to distribute electronically or paper copies. We decided that we will send a paper copy home since we are in school and the students are here. For parent-teacher we aren't allowed to have in person meetings, we are going to use Google meet and we are able to make phone calls through the program. Parents don't have to be in a video chat, they can just talk on the phone with the teacher. We are going to schedule those for parent-teacher for a 4 hour span. Two in the afternoon and then two in the evening. Teachers will schedule their own appointments, so everyone will have an opportunity to speak with their child's teacher. Sheets will go home as before so parents can choose which time slot is best for them.

There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss after hour gym use. They are going to start opening up school gyms to the community. Sonya will let SAC know when she has more information.

We have a healthy budget. We did spend a little bit on classroom supplies for some things that we need because of COVID. Students aren't able to share so we ordered some books and a couple of Chromebook carts. In the very near future, we are going to have a Chromebook for every student in Grade 3 and up. We have combined classes in grade one & two and then with grade two's and three's, so we might look to purchase some additional Chromebooks with SAC money as soon as we figure out how many we have and how many more we need.

Spirit days are going well. We are trying to get a little bit of school spirit, it's hard because a lot of things they want to do, the answers are no because they aren't allowed to cross cohorts or visit their friends in other classes. We are trying to make some fun things for their own classes. Every Friday we have a spirit day and at the end of the month the class who has participated the most wins a pizza party lunch from Chartwells.

We are planning some alternatives for Remembrance Day. We aren't allowed to have Remembrance Day ceremonies in school. We will look at alternatives for the classrooms.

We have a few concerns from parents about outdoor recess and the weather. Sonya has been telling parents that we are going outside, it's the only chance that students in grade four to eight get to take off their masks during the day. Unless it's -15 we will be going outside. We have sent many reminders about appropriate clothing, raincoat, boots etc. Last year we had extra mitts that the students could borrow and we would wash them, but we aren't allowed to do that this year.

Sports teams. We sent a cross county participant off to Halifax to Provincials. We don't have enough students who are interested in playing volleyball so we won't have a team this year. The next sport is hockey so we will look into what interest there is from the students and how they are going to structure hockey, if that's going to go ahead. We don't have any information yet.

Jaime asked if a student is absent due to not feeling well, if it will go towards their absentee number for the year. Sonya said there is no tracking for absenteeism, no loss of credit or penalties for missed days this year.

We hope to have Christmas dinner this year. Will have to check about having volunteers to help with Christmas dinner. Right now it's essential visitors only.

Meeting date is set for December 7, 2020 at 3:00.