

**Robert Kemp Turner
School Advisory Council
Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes
November 19th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Jennifer Collier, Parent
Terra Crowe, Parent
Janice Graham, Staff
Jenna Murphy, Staff
Kimberley Scheelar, Community
Jennifer van der Weegen, Staff
Chris White, Chair
Crystal White, Staff

Regrets:

Kerri-Lee MacDonald, Parent

Agenda:

Welcome:

Welcomed all returning members to our SAC this year. Discussed the type of year we have had so far and that our meetings this year will be virtual as long as there are Covid restrictions.

Principal's Report:

- **School Communication:**
 - Reviewed importance of communication with school community around our Covid protocols and that these messages were more frequent in the beginning; however, there are reminders that go out as needed when we see things starting to change a bit (as an example: sending home the back pack checklist for parents when students are forgetting water bottles or masks) – this will continue to be the practice as we move forward
 - We continue to take our direction from Public Health, so as things get updated, we will pass along this information to our staff and school community
- **School Protocols:**
 - Reviewed our current school protocols with membership and discussed the success we have been having with our protocols:
 - Students have been compliant with mask wear and hand sanitizing procedures
 - Students have had some adjustments getting used to social distancing protocols as this is not usually the way they interact; however, staff are diligent at reminding students of the importance for these practices
 - Staff have been resilient and so supportive of our Covid protocols and have been invaluable in the sanitizing of students desks prior to snack time; caretaking staff sanitize desks prior to lunch for students
 - All staff have extremely supportive and flexible in developing our school plan for our procedures during Covid protocols

- **Covid 19 Update:**
 - Plan B for the Provincial Back to School Plan
 - Reviewed our procedures for Plan B in our school
 - Reviewed class numbers (reduced to 15 students per class)
 - Reviewed room assignments and staff assignments with membership should we go to a Plan B Scenario
- **Finances for SAC this year:**
 - We will receive the \$5000.00 amount again this year
 - Asked SAC membership to consider ways in which we could spend the money this year considering the constraints this year in not being able to bring in outside guests or performances, etc.
- **Grant Application:**
 - I made application for a Healthy Schools Grant in the amount of \$2000.00
 - The purpose of the grant is to purchase materials to build an outdoor classroom for the school that can be used even in the event of inclement weather (roofed classroom); in addition, a portion of this money would be used for Food Literacy skills where we bring in various healthy foods and teach the children about recipes that can be made with a particular vegetable or fruit, discuss nutrition facts, etc. associated with the particular vegetable or fruit

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Graham