

Humber Park Elementary

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

In Attendance: Marilyn Smith (Chair), Tracey White, Nick MacDonald, Fiona Coulter, Kate MacLean.

Regrets: Larissa Lee, Christine Dixon, Erin Madden, Teaira Cain, Hollie Pearce, Jeanine Goulet

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- The meeting began with the review of last meetings minutes.
- Ms. White provided the Principal's Report.
 - A letter has been sent home to the families of students who have self-identified as African Nova Scotian that these children will be receiving a copy of Big Dreamers: The Canadian Black History Activity Book for Kids.
 - Each classroom teacher will also receive a copy of the book (both the first and second book) for use in their classroom.
 - A Read-A-Thon is upcoming. (March 3rd -10th). This fundraiser was chosen, in part, because it does not require that a specific minimum amount of money be contributed. Students will be asked to read daily and to collect pledges.
 - Those who participate will have their name entered into a draw for one of three Chapters gift cards.
 - Funds from the Read-A-Thon will be used to provide learning materials for classrooms as well as be contributed to the purchase of a new sound system.
 - In combination with the Read-A-Thon the school will hold Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R) time twice Daily for approximately 15 minutes. During this time everyone in the building will stop what they are doing and read.
 - Ms. White shared that students in grades four to six completed an HRCE well-being survey in December. The results have been released to schools. Ms. White shared some of the results. The information from the survey will be sent out to staff and also the SAC prior to the next meeting.
- SAC funds have been used to purchase ukuleles. Potential destinations for the remaining funds include the redecoration of the student washrooms (Ms. Madden is continuing to gather information on this project), as well as

the artistic decoration of the main lobby (Ms. White is continuing to check into the possibility of acquiring the support of a local artist).

- The Committee reviewed the information acquired thus far from potential school photographers. Information has been received from two photographers. It was decided to postpone the selection of a school photographer until additional information was received from a third candidate.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27th 2021 at 6:00 PM