

## **Humber Park Elementary**

### **School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**

In Attendance: Tracey White, Nick MacDonald, Jeanine Goulet, Fiona Coulter, Larissa Lee, Erin Madden, Kate MacLean

Regrets: Marilyn Smith, Hollie Pearce, Teaira Cain

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- Ms. White shared details on the role and expectations of the SAC and its members.
- The SAC acts as an advisory board that works in collaboration with the school administrators to improve student achievement. The SAC can also support effective communication between the school and the community.
- Ms. White shared that the SAC has an email account that the Chair can access. This account can be a manner in which information is shared with the Chair/SAC as well as a means through which community members can reach out to the SAC.
- Our SAC Chair will be decided at the next meeting.
- It was noted that Parents/Guardians may attend a meeting by request, or ask a sitting SAC member to bring a concern/issue forward to the group.
- The group discussed the results of our Cookie dough fundraiser. Approximately \$1700 was collected.
- School clothing orders are being sent home in November.
- There was conversation regarding school photos. The challenges associated with COVID-19 (photos would have to be taken outside as a photographer is not deemed an essential person and is not permitted to enter the building) meant the school decided not to have school photos taken however, Ms. White indicated that, should the current school photographer desire it, she was quite willing to share the school photographer's contact information so that families could pursue photos on their own.
- The group discussed the following discussion points:

**If I were the principal of Humber Park, I would...**

- A student bathroom “spruce up” was suggested.
- It was suggested we explore ways to support families with securing food security.
- It was suggested teachers consider exploring additional means of connecting with families (ie: communication apps like Class Dojo).
- It was noted that there is a parent led Humber Park School Facebook page that may provide an additional means of reaching families. (is: a reminder about cookie dough order).
- The importance of possibly having a (virtual) holiday concert was mentioned.

**If I could change one thing about the school’s practices I would...**

- There was discussion regarding the choices of the hot lunch menu. At this point in time only two options are being offered as we determine whether offering the hot lunch program is viable.
- The practice of placing lunch monitors in their own children’s classrooms was discussed.

**What is the Best thing Administration has done at Humber Park this year so far?**

- The music played via the PA on Fridays is enjoyed.
  - The additional cleaning being done by custodial staff is noted.
  - It was mentioned that wearing masks has become routine for most students and the staff was acknowledged as being good role models for mask wearing.
  - It was pointed out that the breakfast program is appreciated.
  - It was also noted that student’s sense of fear/anxiety does not seem to be elevated.
- Ms. White spoke about the desire to continue making connections with students through such things as: virtual Good News Assemblies and virtual Humber High Five Assemblies. She is open to feedback/suggestions on ways to sustain school wide connections and school community.

- The Humber High Five reward cart will be put in place again this year and will begin visiting classrooms on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM