

Humber Park Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

In Attendance: Marilyn Smith (Chair), Tracey White, Nick MacDonald, Fiona Coulter, Kate MacLean, Erin Madden, Jeanine Goulet, Christine Dixon

Regrets: Larissa Lee, Teaira Cain, Hollie Pearce,

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- The meeting began with the review of last meetings minutes.

- Ms. White provided an update on school closures and the pivot to on-line learning. All school in the Dartmouth area, including the Auburn High family of school to which Humber Park belongs will be closed to students as of Thursday, April 22nd. This closure is tentatively scheduled to last two weeks.

- Care packages that include food have been delivered to several families as a way of providing support during the school closures. Many of these items had already been purchased for our breakfast program.

- Chromebooks have also been allocated and delivered to students who required them for at-home learning. Many families who did not initially think they needed support have reached out and Chromebooks were provided. So far, 70 Chromebooks have been shared with students.

- Ms. White shared that the RCMP has been following up on concerns from the neighbourhood regarding concerns with the manner in which vehicles are parking and driving near the school, as well as some vehicles not attending to the stop sign at the end of Smallwood Ave. Many of these concerns have been communicated several times to the school community and will be communicated again once school resumes. The officer indicated tickets will be issued.

- There was a discussion about the importance of ensuring students are receiving support and guidance on their use of technology, particularly as it relates to social media. Teachers often include this in their instruction and several resources are available to support this area.

- The SAC was acknowledged and thanked for their support of the music program at Humber Park. The 35 ukuleles have already been in use and students are enjoying using them.
 - Ms. White shared that she has spoken with HRCE Fine Arts teacher about supporting us in decorating our lobby. She is scheduled to be on site in May and the hope is that she will be able to support students in planning and creating art for the main entry (ie. a mural). We hope to generate a plan that reflects the diversity of the school community.
 - The SAC is in favor of using a portion of the SAC grant to support the art project.
 - A school photographer was selected. Paul Adams of Adams Photography was chosen. This will be a three year contact starting September 2021.
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- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25th 2021 at 6:00 PM