

Humber Park Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15th 2021

In Attendance: Marilyn Smith, Fiona Coulter, Nick MacDonald, Suzanne McKenzie

Regrets: Hollie Pearce, Larissa Lee, Kate MacLean, Teaira Cain, Jeanine Goulet

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

- The SAC is still seeking an EPA to serve as part of the committee.
- Recess/Lunch playground organization was discussed. After spending several weeks having an upper and lower elementary class paired on one of four zones, Humber park is moving to having four classes (two upper/two younger) on either the upper or lower playground.
- Condensing the playground area will allow for more efficient supervision.
- The field and the court will no longer be open zones but will rather be used for special staff-led activities.
- Our CYCP, Mr. Trider, will lead some of these activities and other staff have expressed an interest in organizing activities as well.
- Staff are also working to provide opportunities for our older students to take on leadership and mentorship roles. Our grade six leadership team is supporting lunch monitors in our lower elementary classrooms and reading with our younger students.
- Our Phys Ed teacher Ms. Robinson is working to secure a grant to offer a Playground Activity Leaders program for our older students.
- Classes have engaged in reading buddies as a means of building school community.
- Ms. McKenzie spoke about our Primary-Two literacy initiative. Overall, 70% of students are meeting reading expectations. This is an increase from 60% in previous weeks.
- We currently have a literacy coach at the Humber Park. Her role is to support classroom teachers with their practice. She is working with our P-2 teachers in support of the P-2 reading initiative.
- A math coach will be supporting Humber Park beginning next week.

- It was noted that staffing shortages continue to cause difficulty at times. Securing substitutes as well as lunch monitors has been difficult. This can impact program delivery.
- Ms. Lee shared an idea regarding a “Handle with Care” note that Ms. Stobo has used in her class. It is a means for parents to communicate to teachers that students may require a little extra support on a given day.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 10th 2022 6:00 PM