



**Ecole John W. McLeod / Fleming Tower School
School Advisory Counsel
Meeting**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm (Virtual)

Attending: Denise Jarvis (Vice-Principal), Bekah Townsend (Parent Rep, Chair), Ben Pryde (Parent Rep, Secretary), Lisa Bennett (Teacher Rep), Emily Thompson (Teacher Rep), Emily Quigley (Principal), Dawn Maskine (Community Rep), Shannon MacDonald (Community Rep) and Jenny Nodelman (Parent Rep)

1. Call to Order, Welcome

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 23rd Meeting

- a. Motion advanced by Ben Pryde to approve, motion seconded by Jenny Nodelman and passed.

3. Principal's Report – Emily Quigley – For a more detailed report, see Schedule “A”

- School success plan (literacy):
 - o Meet twice per year with senior staff at HRCE;
 - o Tracking students that are not meeting reading targets and making a success plan for each student to get them back on track;
 - o 11 of 62 students who were reading below grade level at start of year are now back to reading at grade level;
 - o Many of the remaining 51 students are extremely close to reading at grade level with many already at grade level in the opinion of the literacy lead but just not tested as of yet;
 - o Bringing in substitute teachers next week to do some focused literacy based PD with French immersion teachers.
- Transition Planning:
 - o Grade 4 English students going to Cunard Junior High for a site visit tomorrow (April 21st);
 - o Grade 4 French immersion students going to Elizabeth Sutherland for a site visit in June;
 - o Both Cunard Junior High and Elizabeth Sutherland ask JWMFT for recommendations on class breakdown for departing Grade 4 students.
- Planning for 18 classes for next year (same at this year).

- 64 grade primary French immersion registrations so far and 19 English primary registrations so far (essentially equivalent to current primary numbers with more registration numbers expected).
- 20 pre-primary registrations so far (less than currently are enrolled with more registration numbers expected).
- 66 Grade 4 students departing.
- Communication going out to school community shortly about class composition for future years indicating that parents cannot request specific teachers and indicating that any information that parents wish taken into account in terms of class composition for future years must be received by May 15th.
- Primary orientation being planned. Still concerns about having a large group of parents / community members at the school.
- Overwhelming community support / generosity for the gift basket for the Ukrainian family which was warmly received.

4. Physical Activity Framework

The Project Lead for the Physical Activity Framework at the NS Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (Mary Veinotte) contacted the SAC to ask for feedback on the Physical Activity Framework being developed.

SAC discussed the Physical Activity Framework and will provide feedback directly to Mary Veinotte as requested.

5. Date for Next Meeting:

- a. May 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Schedule "A"
Principal's Report