

SAC meeting minutes

Date: May 28, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Facilitator: SAC

Parents: 18 parents including Sam Yelken (co-chair), Sanja Sekaric (co-chair and co-rep for Ward 7), Andres Lopez (minute taker)

Staff: Georgia Gallagher, Barbara Wagner-Heim and Shafana Dadhich

Students: Joanna Roy, Karim Al-Atrash, Mei Chiao, Hannah Lowy and Jonathon Gotlib

1. Adoption of the minutes from last meeting. Sam moved to accept. Seconded by Diane Zinnica.
2. Report of Student Council – Karim Al-Atrash
 - Carnival was a success and the new schedule works better for the staff and students
 - Farewell remarks
 - Introduction of Jonathon Gotlib as the new Student Council Chair.
3. Report of FAA – Joanna Roy
 - Farewell remarks
 - Annual sports meeting – June 6th at noon
 - Introduction of Hanna Lowy as FAA President
4. Report from PALS – Mei Chiao
 - Organizing Dr. Franklin Unplugged Week (one week in October)
 - Fundraiser for Stella's place (<https://stellasplace.ca/>)
 - Looking for prizes and donations
 - Table tennis last year was a success
5. Report of teacher rep – Shafana Dadhich
 - Acknowledgment of pressures inherent to the tasks and commitments associated with the end of the academic year
 - May 30 is the start date of the modified week – reviews will take place
 - Thanked for support
6. Report of Vice-Principal
 - Special Schedule on June 5 and 6
 - Grade 9 Math EQAO Mathematics Assessment June 7
 - Graduation day: June 27 (no restriction in the amount of people)
 - Remarks about being a good neighbor regarding some kids littering
 - The group discussed the use of graphic images during anti-abortion protests from a group outside of the school

7. Report of Principal

- The school was re-allocated 1 guidance counsellor, 1 librarian, and 0.5 student success teacher.
- School also requested additional staffing for program needs and was allocated 1 additional teacher. This allowed the following courses to either be reinstated or to have an extra class so more students can be scheduled (Grade 11 m-level math, Grade 12 Kinesiology, Grade 10 phys'ed, Grade 11 biology, Grade 12 Society Challenge and Change, Grade 11 Gender studies).
- The school still has 1.5 fewer teachers allocated next year as compared to this year.
- We still are over class sizes and a request will be made in September for additional staffing to ensure we are collective agreement compliant.
- Grade 9, 10 and 11 students will be given a copy of their credit counselling summaries next week and will be able to see which courses they were scheduled into.
- Question from parent about the most effective way to be engaged regarding budget cuts for education. Voicing opinion with MPPs is probably the most effective.
- Georgia's successor has not been announced yet – Barbara is the thread and she is considered by Georgia to a co-principal rather than a vice-principal – and will act as a liaison to the new principal.
- Sanja and Sam have communicated to the superintendent what the school needs are
- Conversations are happening regarding public schools' sizes
- Farewell remarks

8. Co-Chair update – Sam Yelken

- Potluck was a success
- School Statement of Needs (SSON) which is the School Council's voice re: qualities and experiences the new principal needs to meet the school needs.
- Superintendent met with Sanja and Sam
- Farewell remarks - Sam will be leaving his position

9. Co-Chair update – Sanja Sekaric

- Small schools are a target
- Possibility of increasing the numbers at UFA is real
- Words of appreciation from Georgia and Barbara to Sanja and Sam
- Approval of joining the organization "West End Parents for Public Education" (<https://weppe.org/>)
- Approval of two letters of support for education workers regarding the provincial education cuts announced by the provincial government
- Sanja thanks Georgia and Sam
- Update of the lockdown: a person has been arrested
- Questions about the content of the offensive graffiti