

ARGYLE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2021 @10:20am

1.0 Welcome/Call to Order

2.0 Standing Items

2.1 Principal's Report—Tammy

- School update- up to 62 students – great news for APS!
- Christmas Plans
 - Virtual Santa (Santa Jim – through Teams – it was amazing to have the students be able to talk to Santa (although virtually).
 - Other – “Argyle Cares” –Mr. Holotuk’s class collected gift card donations for the Food Bank, and students made many, many, MANY placemats for the church. Thank you, Judie, and Mr. Brear. Judie said that many recipients were very touched and some wrote thank you cards to the students who created placemats for them. Tammy suggested possibly continuing this connection between seniors at home and some of our students by having them write Valentine’s cards or even just little ‘pick-me-up’ notes to some of our local seniors. Judie will provide a list to Tyson for consideration. We’ll talk to staff and move forward if this is something the school wants to do. SAC is willing to cover the cost of stamps if we’re mailing them.
 - Pancake Breakfast by volunteers of the Student Nutrition Program and Marla – thank you – a feast enjoyed by all!
 - December 18 was a P.J. Day for the staff/students
- Pizza Lunch – students enjoyed a complimentary pizza lunch during 2nd nut. break. Students engaged in SAC-sponsored activities in the pm (thank you Tyson for coordinating)
- Lockdowns – talked to students – 2 drills to be done in the very near future. Guidelines around Covid mean that students will stay at their desks when a lockdown drill is called because they have to ensure physical distancing
- Friday January 29 – Report Card Writing Day – no school for students
- Photograph Day – moved to Tues. Feb. 16 (unless lockdown is extended). Siblings from outside the school will not be permitted in for photographs. Although the date is Feb. 16 at the moment, this may change depending on what happens with the province. We will keep parents posted.
- Covid and new restrictions – students in Grades 1 and up are now required to wear a mask. Parents are encouraged to send extras because they get wet/yucky throughout the day. Students have to wear them at recess because we can’t ensure physical distancing, but teachers may wish to take their classes out in a more controlled way for mask breaks, ensuring distancing (i.e., snowshoeing).

- On-line learning reflections (first week back) – Michelle said that her family prefers face-to-face learning and we all agreed 😊. Judie said that she didn't know that one of the teachers was using Edsby to post work. Tammy collected feedback from parents (that point included) that she sent to all teachers should we be in this situation again. It's important for teachers to make sure that their families understand what platform they are using to post their work, and a schedule of when they will be posting work. If we are faced with this situation again, we will go over this feedback carefully so we can improve the way we do things.
- Student Council update – They met yesterday and decided that they would like Jersey Day on Wed. Jan. 20. They also talked about the possibility of having a Hot Lunch to raise money to purchase equipment for outside, however it is not the time to be fundraising. That being said, this doesn't stop another hot lunch from being planned in the near future. Student Council also talked about starting some clubs (i.e., games, technology, other?). Students would just have to stay in their cohorts and they would have to ensure that the activities they participate in meet Health Unit guidelines with respect to safety.
- Other – Judie said that she misses the Capitol Centre trips, and was wondering if classes could enjoy a virtual play in their classrooms (she'll send Tyson a link to a production she watched recently from Scotland). She also asked about Sports Days (i.e., Track and Field). Tyson said that it's hard to tell what the future holds, but if things are going the way they're going, we could only participate in cohorts and parents wouldn't be able to come out and watch. We are hopeful that things change soon!

2.3 Financial Report – Tammy

Opening Balance: **\$2,008.41**

Cheque to Tyson for Christmas Centres: **\$268.60**

Current Balance: **\$1739.81**

3.0 Other Business – None

4.0 Next Meeting Date – Tuesday March 2, 2021 @10:20am

5.0 Adjournment