

Astral Drive Junior High School School Advisory Council Minutes

A meeting of the Astral Drive Junior High School SAC (School Advisory Council) was conducted on the 'Zoom' application at 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

The following members were in attendance: Lisa Vaughan (principal), Chris MacLellan, Jessica Quillan, Jacqui MacKenzie, Kelly Eaglestone, Mike Carew, Rachel Pushie, Tanya Alcorn.

- 1. Welcome:** a) Meeting began at 6:00 PM
b) Welcome extended to all attending SAC members

- 2. Agenda approved by members**

- 3. Principals report:**
 - Our school has been approved for an 18th classroom, grade 7 home rooms will grow from five to six with the addition of an English program class.
 - The start-up to the school year has gone very well, considering the many health protocols that have been in place for student and staff safety. The student population has adjusted very well to the changes.
 - We have recently conducted a fire drill and lockdown drill.
 - Picture day for students will take place on Friday October 16th
 - We recently posted a Curriculum Event online, in lieu of traditional Curriculum Night. We have received positive feedback regarding this new format.
 - On Friday October 2nd, our school has participated in Terry Fox walks with cohort bubbles walking routes in the community using staggered times to prevent distancing issues.
 - School Sport and extracurricular activities have been stalled. It has been up to individual schools to safely organize sports. Some schools are reluctant to organize athletic events for health and safety concerns.
 - The school has not collected student fees this year, as there has been a surplus carried over from last year due to the early school closure. The SAC may revisit the collection of fees for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Cafeteria service provided by Chartwells is currently suspended due to lack of interest and issues with their online ordering platform. We anticipate cafeteria service will resume in the New Year.

- The SAC Grant will be available for purchases in the near future, we will receive \$5000 plus \$1 per student with this grant.
- Our school breakfast program will be up and running very soon. Baskets that contain various food items will be available each day to distribute to classrooms.

4. New Business:

- We will be seeking out student representatives for future meetings.
- Members have voted and approved Jessica Quillon and Chris Turner as Co-chairs of the SAC.
- Jackie McKenzie has been appointed Secretary of the SAC.

5. Time and date for next meeting (tentative):

November 3

December 1

February 2

March 2

May 4

June 1

6. Adjournment: 6:45 PM