

## **SAC Minutes**

**Tuesday December 8, 2020**

**Attendance:** Kim Robertson (community member), Nicole Rosenow-Redhead (parent), Debbie MacLean (Faith City Church), Jan Gillespie (principal), Nancy Bradfield (vice-principal)

### **Attendance**

- Last two weeks absences have been hovering between 10-20% (any percentage over 10 must be reported to public health)
  - A few students are officially homeschooling through EECD
  - Some are home due to family medical issues/personal issues – connecting through google classroom, coming to school on other days
  - Challenge is to engage students while at home learning, as teachers are not responsible to put together at home work packages

### **Announcements**

- Virtual Announcements – 2 junior high students
  - Oh Canada, Honor Song, Black National Anthem (rotating each day)
  - Working on how we can share clips (cultural, community, student “good news” through same media) without impacting the home room block time

### **Communication with Families**

- SwiftK message sent out to parents re: cell phones and using chrome books for gaming – well received by parents
  - Lockers not being used due to health protocols (normally cell phones stored inside)
  - More access to chrome books (1:1 grades 4-9)

### **Outdoor Classroom**

- PTA had a donation of Pea Gravel – garden area has been cleaned out and dirt and gravel laid
- Donation from Urban Forestry (???) for logs/stumps for seating areas
- Will place posts as an anchor for tarp for protection against elements so students can continue to engage in learning outdoors

### **Air purifiers (member asked for an update)**

- Letter was written by PTA to HRCE and EECD to express that monies shouldn't have to be taken from school, PTA or SAC funds to help with air flow
- Operations was contacted by a family member of a student – and we now are measuring CO2 data in several classrooms and data being sent directly to HRCE
- HRCE/EECD has a plan for all schools without proper ventilation systems – we are awaiting next steps

### **Anti Black Racism PD**

- All staff received PD on the morning of December 3

- HRCE created a rubric with 4 principles we were asked to critically look at to place where Oxford sits on the continuum (basic, emerging, competent, in depth)
  - Valuable conversations with staff
  - Continuing at our staff meeting this week
  - School Goals – increasing student voice and having parents involved
- Book Club – Staff driven – not connected to HRCE/EECD
  - Came from a resource Otis Daye, mentioned at a staff PD in the Spring
  - #BLM movement and wanting to be current with what’s happening in our society and community

### **Plan B/C**

- Plan B
  - PP- 8 in the building, with Music and Phys Ed teachers
  - 9 home – online learning (teachers in school)
- Plan C
  - Completely online
    - Will look differently than from March-June of last school year
    - Jr. High would follow regular daily class schedule
      - Teachers to check in each class, take attendance, and provide a 10-15 minute lesson – students will then work independently for about 30 min
    - Elementary
      - Attendance, check in , task in the morning and another in the afternoon, also giving a period of time to complete tasks/work

### **Staff Morale**

- Staff are working hard and committed to doing everything we can to help students. Teachers are finding some of the adjustments challenging (moving around and not having a class to work out of on prep time), however they are here every day with a great attitude and dedication.

### **SAC Spending**

- **Went through teachers wish lists**
  - **Approved by SAC**
  - **Jan will check with staff about the needs of staff for amplifiers**
    - **May need to check if amplifiers support the criteria for monies being spent (believe so, as the hopes are the increased sound projection would engage students more and curb some behaviours while off task unable to hear the speaker)**
- **New Business**
  - **None**

- **Next Meeting Tuesday January 26, 2021 @7pm**
- **Adjourned**