

SAC Meeting Notes



January 20, 2022 - 7:00 pm - Virtual

ATTENDEES

Lesley Publicover, Chair

Heather Napoli, Vice Chair

Sherry Mills, Community Rep

Margaret Berringer, Staff Rep

David O'Brien, Principal

Trish Cuvelier, Teacher Rep - Regrets

Covid Overview:

David provided an overview of the new Covid process provided by the Department of Health. All children were provided with one (1) new mask and we were expecting another shipment from our Central Office within the next week.

David explained the reasoning behind the decision by the Department of Health to no longer contract trace covid cases at schools.

Leslie inquired as to subs and this will work with staff absences. David outlined the process which has been implemented by HRCE.

- Continue to contact our regular substitutes;

- When unable to secure regular substitutes, the Principal and Resource teacher will teach classes

- Specialist teachers (French, Physical Education, Music, etc.) will teach classes

- Board Certified staff will be sent to schools

- Merge cohorts

Shelley wanted to know how staff were coping during this time? David advised that we have a great school staff and staff are calm and dealing quite well.

Reading:

ESM students are experiencing great growth - we are highly tracking the Grade 1 & 2's. All children are seeing growth.

Healthy Schools Community Grant:

ESM is in receipt of a Healthy School Communities Grant which will fund a full-class set of snow shoes for the school.

Snow Blower:

David explained that as a school we would like to purchase a snowblower and the reasoning behind this decision.

Our Caretaker - Norm would snow blow the various courts for children to play at recess & lunch during the winter months.

He would as well, be able to snow blow the walkways to the various doors used by students.

The Committee agreed that they would fund this purchase. Mr. O'Brien will get quotes and ensure this purchase is made.

Air Purifiers:

HRCE Central Office provided ESM with air purifiers for each classroom, the staff room and the gymnasium.

Other Information:

Minutes - December 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Next SAC meeting to be held via Zoom - February 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM