**Sunnyside Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC)**

**Regular Meeting**

**Location: Music Room**

**Time: Wednesday September 13th, 2022, 6:10 pm to 7:10 pm**

**Members Present:** Alain Murphy (Chair), Carolyn Thompson (Principal), Alexa Fulton (Teacher), Natalie Macdonald (Vice Principal)**, Parents:** Shereef Marzouk, Amanda Ebbett, Mary Cobb, Lea-Anne Dunlap, Barbera Blays, Willow Anderson, Erin Lushman, Sarah Kirby

**Minutes**

1. Welcome and Announcements – Alain Murphy

Alain welcomed everyone back to the new school year and everyone introduced themselves. Alain informed the SAC that Paul has had to resign from secretary duties due to other duties and sought volunteers to fill the role.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting, Note that Erin Lushman attended.

Minutes approved by acclamation.

1. Principal’s Report:

Carolyn provided an update:

* 1. This year, Sunnyside Elementary has 15 French Immersion and 5 English classes.
  2. An update on new and departing teachers was given.
  3. Teachers undergoing professional development
  4. The school meeting with the HRCE diversity advisor week of 18 September
  5. New playground under construction by HRM
  6. Curriculum night to be held in the coming weeks. A discussion was had as to whether the curriculum night might in future be considered for the night before the first day of school.

A discussion was had on resources allocation on post-COVID reading recovery. Natalie M noted that there were a number of students for whom post-COVID recovery was required and that the resources were in place for this.

1. SAC Funds and supported programs

Alain put out the request for SAC funding ideas noting briefly some of the past activities that have been funded. It was noted that with most of the pandemic restrictions now eased, there is the opportunity for creative ideas.

Alexa proposed having a story teller come to the school and give seminary to classes.

Natalie M highlighted the lack of French books in the library – particularly those that might be of interest to the students. It was noted that this was something very practical and achievable in the short term that the SAC could fund. Natalie to consult with the librarian on the matter.

Sarah proposed the installation of window fans to address ventilation issues in the classrooms. It was noted that any decision in this regard will require liaising with the operations personnel of the HRCE. Sarah to investigate options and bring it forward to the SAC for discussion on next steps.

Carolyn informed the SAC that, with carried over funds from previous years, the SAC fund is currently Approximately $9000.

1. Diversity and Inclusion initiative

Barbara and Willow provided and update on developments over the summer and Natalie M showed the SAC the books and materials purchased. The suggestion to purchase other culturally relevant materials was discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of having some guest speakers come to the school - Cllr. Lindell Smith as an example was suggested. It was noted that SAC efforts tied in very well with broader ones being pursued by the DEECD.

1. Broad Street school:

There was discussion on the consequences of the opening of the new Broad Street school might have on Sunnyside Elementary with SAC members noting there has been no update in many months. In particular, the question of a boundary review and feeder schools for Junior High were unknown. Carolyn to investigate.

1. Next Meeting: 12 October 2012 – 6pm via Zoom
2. Adjourned at 7:10PM.