

SCC Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2021

Attendees:

Students

Erfan

Grace

Anjali

Darcy

Jahsiah

Hussain and Amin

Parents

Mrs. Sadaf Anwar

Mrs. Kelli Burton

Monique Carter

Ms. Jennifer Pickup

Mr. Anas Khan

Staff

Mrs. Hawthorne

Mrs. Krishnanand

Mrs. Gleave

Mrs. Jen Ojascastro

Ms. Kimara Kailan

Munira Bhuiyan

Ms. Rahela Ali

Ms. Amanda Wilcox

Land Acknowledgment

Human Rights and Equity Statement

Indigenous Inherent Human Rights

Agenda:

1. Student Report
2. Gathering Ideas and Feedback
3. Planning

1. Student Report

What's the Same?

- Principal
- Hand hygiene
- Masking

What's Different?

- More students (97 > 167)
- Teachers can move between room
- Only 2 zones on the yard (Grades 1 – 5 and Grades 6 – 8)
- We can have Clubs
- More than we can do
- More freedom and opportunities

What is the Feeling?

- Happy, excited to come to school, fun, respectful, people care

Orange Shirt Day

- Created orange hearts of Every Child Matters
- Kindergarten students talked about what My Heart is Filled With Happiness which is a story written by a First Nations author

Clubs and Leadership Team So Far

- Announcements, weekly gathering (approximately 20 mins each week, a little assembly)
- Math club
- Recycling Team
- Art Club
- Grad Award Redesign – Not Yet
- Display case and Bulletin Boards – Not Yet
- Intramural – Not Yet

Focus on Leadership skills and celebrating diversity

Principal's Report

- Staff are still working with Dr. Nicole West Burns on anti black racism – breaking down systemic barriers
- At staff meetings, we started 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act
- lots of new staff
 - K team – Charlene Gleave, Elissa Tucci, and Jessica Wanzeller
 - Gr 1/2 - Helen Spanidis, Gr 2/3 – Heather Barnes
 - Gr 3/4 – Kelly Simpson (and French) and Amanda Chin until December then Jaimie Bain, Gr 4/5 – Larissa Silver
 - Gr 6/7 – Andrae Lyons, Gr 7/8 – Clynton Lahner
 - Library and Coverage – Tanushree Krishnanand, SERT - Betty O'Neil
- Budgeting priorities in the next staff meeting
 - for example only 10 basketballs working in gym

Gathering Ideas and Feedback

1. How should we communicate
2. Fundraising opportunities for School (Pizza Day, Spirit Wear)
3. Consultation around Halloween and School
4. Suggestions for how to recognize Eid
5. What would make this a successful school year?
6. How do support these goals?

1. Communication

Instagram

Closed group for Bondar

Messenger – send DDSB - text

Emails – frequency of 1 a week is good

Current Twitter – post a pic a day

2. Fundraising Opportunities

- is it a good idea

Pizza Day

- individually wrapped slices

- cheese? Dairy free cheese, lactose free cheese – offer options, check with companies

- Sell chips

- Maybe look into wraps and subs – Pita Pit?

3. Halloween

- theme costume by class – movie theme – come dressed as a character – just not too specific

- need to make Spirit Days accessible

- healthy food – dress to match – Garden Party Day

- Orange and Black

4. Eid – what and how?

Muslim celebration that is 2 months and 10 days after Eid-ul-Fitr

- make announcements – Islamic Heritage Month – highlighting excellence in those communities

- continue to focus on resilience and excellence this year

5. What would make this a successful school year?

- Student voice/leadership

- weekly meets – building community

- keeping them safe and avoiding class shutdown

- on the yard – we have 2 zones – we don't have the population to have grades apart, just by divisions

- focus on a social impact of not being around around

- socio emotional learning
- how to start up a game

Positive School Climate Data

Grade 4 – 8 – Grey pandemic, Blue is last year

Meaningful/Engaged Learning

Belonging and Connectedness

81.5% matter to teachers and staff

55.6% matter to classmates

- lot of teasing that goes beyond teaching – less socialization
- joking around that got out of hand too quickly
- girl drama but sneaky about it
- being aware of who it is
- how to tell an adult with no retribution
- admin has consistency and building relationships with them

Contest with THINK strategy has to reflect community – prize is extra gym class

They can collaborate as a class in lower grades

Virtual Community Building Night – can't bring groups onto school property

- anything we can do this fall
- still want soccer baseball

Maybe online game night – Monopoly, Holiday Concert

Come back in November and see on school side what we can do

Next SCC Meeting is Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00