

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD SCHOOL COUNCIL

Location: Dickinsfield School or Online Via Google Meet

Date: **April 30, 2024**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: James Hayward, Erin Andrews, Tara Fawcett, Megan Langpap, Chelsea Wallis, Jessica Abraham

Call to order 6:07pm

Principal's report

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James Hayward

- No librarian, not enough funding drops by seniority last person hired in this department was the librarian. No change to the students
- Tammy and crystal 1 hr a day between the two of them re stocking and barcoding, teachers will sign out books for students themselves
- Student leadership opportunities in the library
- 1 teacher left at the beginning of school. Will fill with teachers going on maternity leave and then will hire for position in January.
- Registration is down from last year (573 last year). Drop because of demographics in Dickinsfield and less families seeking French immersion.
- Olek funding funding specifically for French immersion programs. Pays salary of EA Mme Eve french intervention.

Teachers	Support Staff	Students
6 Teachers for English classes	3 Office Administrators	183 Students in English program
13 teachers for French Immersion	17 Educational Assistants	333 students in French Immersion
1LAC teacher	1 Day time Custodian	516 students total
1 Counsellor	3 evening Custodians	
1 Physical Education Teacher		
1 Music Teacher		

Things so far

September 11th- Welcome back BBQ and meet the teacher new format that seemed well received. Very efficient.

September 25th- Metis Bev visited the school. Metis Knowledge Keeper. Focus on Metis jigging and Metis stories. Grade 1-3 classes participated. Good feedback from kids.

September 27th- FMPD Orange Shirt Day .. Fantastic Assembly....

*New EA (Candace) for Inuit first nation and Metis Programming and support also cultural teachings and activities. Showing lots of initiative (ex banic fundraiser). Funded by the super attendant discretionary fund. Weekly smudge. 70 FNMI students in our school about 20%.

October 5th and 6th - M&M Fundraising Day

October 10- Fire prevention day for Div 1.

Things to come

Oct 29-30- School Musical of the Wizard of Oz.

November 16- Girls Volleyball tournament

November 18 & 20 Parent Teacher Interviews

New Business Dickinsfield Education Plan + School Year Goals

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- Fall education plan need to be submitted on Nov 5th, and asked to ask parent councils to hold off on meetings because of late release of fall assurance measures,
- Fall assurance measure results are not yet released . Last year was not until Oct 19th which was late last year.
- Still need to make an education plan for school without the information even though we rely on the data to help guide.
- Still see a need to continue the main goals we had from last year. We were not anticipating a change.
- Intention is to stay with the same two goals.
- Goal #1- School culture ... sense of belonging
- 3 action teams for goal #1 - French language and culture, in school FLYER pride, school multiculturalism.
- "Our School" survey in the coming weeks. We can add questions. One question we have added is "Do you feel a sense of belonging and if no how could we make you feel that way?"For Division 2 students.
- Results from last year lots of kids did not feel safe. But kids may have been thinking about the worst case scenarios not just with teachers and peers. They do drills to prepare them for worst case scenarios as well as teachers are well trained to deal with situations.
- In addition the security system at the school has been re vamped and an additional 12 cameras were installed. New ones were inside and out side and some where new portables are and front of the school in the fire lane.

- Goal #2 Math goal.. Last year started using reflex Math. Most recent tally shows a 40% increase in fluency. Grade 5 still struggling in particular after elk Island assessment. More difficult with the new curriculum filling in the gaps.
- Wondering if an after school study program might be an option?
- Question “Wondering why and who’s decision it was to require to have fall education plan submitted without the fall assurance measures results.” Division office still requires it.
- Question “What if our goals do not reflect what the fall assurance measures say?”
- There will always be other areas that need improvement. But if you focus on more than 2 goals they won’t be done with fidelity. Not expecting the results to show anything that wouldn’t reflect what they’ve chosen.
- Question “With there being new curriculums in every subject. What about other subjects that might be feeling the gap? Need to focus on goals but what about other things that may need attention?”
- Teachers are continuously getting professional development in the best practices in those areas. With PL division collaborative groups. Lots of collaborative groups in school and during PLF’s at other schools.
- Concerned that with new curriculums and kids with special needs and large classroom sizes in Alberta it might be too much. Kids generally are just struggling more.
- Alberta Schools are the least funded in Canada and classes are becoming more and more complex. Need to fight for every EA we have.
- Questions “What can we do as a parent council and as community to help teachers? It seems very stressful.”
- Biggest hindrance is funding now for more teachers. Writing our board of trustees and division, voicing concerns.

- Helped Host the Welcome back BBQ. More meal prep with offering veggies and apple and oranges slices. It went well other than the giant line up. More meal prep increased cost. A bit rushed because they only had a hour to eat before meet the teacher.
- Sold t shirts at the BBQ. Try to only sell them at events so as to not be charged for every transaction on the square.
- Will have a table at the musical to sell t shirts again and probably at parent teacher interviews.
- Will also be selling flowers at the musical.
- Art Cards have been mailed down to Edmonton. Fundraiser and art can be made into t shirts and mugs.
- Christmas Bazaar will be in December. Just looking for a place to store all the donations. ...Division maintenance is coming to clean out a storage room in the back.
- Bought a new popcorn maker
- Dance and popcorn in the spring possibly
- Maybe a popcorn day.
- Still in desperate need of a treasurer.
- Next meeting November 13th.

Open Floor / Questions and Answers**Date and Time of Next Meeting - TBD****Meeting adjourned**