

Kleefeld PAC meeting

Minutes #49

Date: February 9, 2021

Time: 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom

Present:

President: Andrea Klassen

Secretary: Jenna Fehr

Vice-President Vanessa Rempel

Principal: Joel Bergen

Treasurer: Gloria Funk

Vice Principal: Link Wallace

Guests:

Ruth Harder

Jenessa Westervelt

Selma Harder

Charissa Barnard

Agenda:

- **Staff Appreciation Week this week! February 9-12, 2021.**
 - o So thankful for the outpour of parent support with this!
 - o Kids coloured Thank-you cards that we will make a display with!
 - o The PAC received just over \$300 in donations from parents to provide a coffee break snack on Wednesday (Chips and Chocolate bars) and Lunch on Friday. (Minestrone soup and a biscuit, donut for dessert, fruit bowl)
 - o Because PAC is a 2-signature required account we do not have online access to banking, so we are getting the parents to e-transfer to the PAC email. Vanessa then accepts them through her personal account and then e-transfers it out to the PAC account. We will have a trail of emails and amounts to be provided at the next PAC meeting. Food then paid for out of the PAC account.
- **Financial Report by Gloria**
 - o Bank account has \$1381.44, with \$0.06 interest/month.

School Report: By Joel Bergen

- **Indoor recess due to cold weather guidelines, standard among Hanover Division**
 - o -25 to -29 = shortened recess (short recess 15 minutes, morning or afternoon, lunch recess cut in half to 15 minutes)
 - o -30 windchill = inside recess
- **REPORT CARDS-** coming out March 19, online parent portal

- **No school days coming up.**
 - February 15- Louis Riel Day
 - February 26- PD Day
 - March 12- PD Day
- **BOOK FAIR-** online, can find the link at kleefeld.hsd.ca
 - February 1-14, 2021
 - Wednesday February 10 from 6-8pm receive free shipping!!
- **Global Mail article “Why it’s Time to stop worrying about your Children’s Screen Time during COVID 19”** a good read! Email Joel if you would like a copy!
 - Takes off that guilt and forces a shift in your thinking!
 - How the pandemic has affected screen time with the increase in needing to connect with friends, relationships and schoolwork.
- **BEHAVIOUR MATRIX-** up on the Kleefeld website kleefeld.hsd.ca
 - “Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe”
- **“CPS” Webinar attended by one of our Teachers** (Collaborative and Proactive Solutions By; Dr. Ross Greene)
 - A way of being proactive and never getting to the need of the discipline method
 - Working with students to be proactive, problem solving, helping them so it does not get to the big problem.
 - What’s appropriate behaviours before it gets to the bad behaviour.
 - Understanding expectations
 - In future PD sessions we are going to be going through some of this as a staff
- **Grades 5-8 Potentially sensitive content Teaching**
 - Normally it’s the grades 5’s and 7’s but it didn’t happen last year due to school shutdowns
 - Hopefully will happen before spring break
 - 5&6 will have the same curriculum and 7&8’s will have the same curriculum
 - Focus on positive relationships, friendships and making good choices
- **Grade 5 girls “It’s a Girls World”** program led by Mrs.Martens
 - Tailored down to their age group
 - How to have good relationships with others, problem solving
- **Grade 5 boys** will be led by Mr.Bergen and Mr.Winter
 - Pep talk conversation tailored to what the group needs... friendships, integrity, honesty, etc.
- **Overflow classrooms**
 - Grade 1 and 2’s going well!
 - Kids enjoying cycling through with Mr.Martens every 2 weeks or so, keeping kids connected with their friends, teacher and classroom

- Working on having the kids come back to their classrooms for their Valentines Party, 2m distancing
- **Looking at incorporating the “Special Days”** (following HSD protocols)
 - Virtual Assembly
 - I love to Read Month
 - June Picnic
 - Winter Fun Day
 - Grade 5’s- Festival du Voyageur activity

Questions

- **How is remote learning going, what have you heard?**
 - Difficult to connect to a new class, teacher, etc
 - A good option for those students who can’t be in the school building for whatever reason
- **Grade 7’s tend to have lots of “free time.” Has the school division changed what they’re expected to learn this year? Are they required to learn the same as in the past?**
 - Shelly Amos has said we are simply not going to get through as much as in the past this year
 - Won’t get through or cover all curriculum as they have in the past
 - They want about 3 hours of work at home, each student will take a different amount of time to complete their provided work
 - If they are getting all required work done, the next step would be to ask the teacher if there’s anything extra that can be assigned
 - Teachers are making sure they are covering the important parts of the curriculum, prioritizing so it doesn’t affect next year
- **Compared to other years where is the literacy and numeracy is at in the Early Years?**
 - Won’t completely know that until we get into this more
 - Recovery of learning longer process, a few years
 - For example, Grade 1’s from last year who are in Grade 2 now are showing lower reading levels than previous years, natural as they were out of school for 3 months, different learning environments
 - Every Fall teachers do reading assessments, every school, every grade level is a little bit down
 - reading levels are down province wide
 - The Grade 2 teachers met with the Grade 1 teachers and the Grade 3 teachers met with the Grade 2 teachers to tell them what numeracy essentials are needed for next year, focus on those
- **Will the kids be able to play with some of their other friends in other grades at recess?**
 - As of right now we have to remain in our cohorts of up to 75 students

- **What will next years classes look like or how will they be split?**
 - Look at a number of things, friendships, good learning partners, good fit of teacher for students
 - Will start the planning in March/April, requests may be sent in March

****Next Meeting - March 9, 2021 at 1pm via ZOOM**

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