

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting ~ Google Hangouts

Meeting Chair: *Dawn Moffat-McMaster*

Recorder: *Allison Hill*

Attendance: *Paul Therrien, Melanie Bayko, Maxine Herbert, Chris Caldwell, JoAnn Cazakoff, Joanne Peters, Johanne Kemp, Chantal Puls*

Regrets: *Corry Harper, Jess Martin, Lynn Driedger*

Call to Order and Introductions: *6:35 pm*

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: *Motion to accept by Mel*
2. Review and Approval of past meeting minutes: *Motion to accept by Maxine, approved by Mel*
3. Standing Items
 - 3.1. *Trustee's Report - absent*
 - 3.2. *Principal's Report*
 - 3.2.1. Into the 3rd week of online learning ~ learning curve for all involved; in classroom setting, lessons could be tailored somewhat to meet different learning styles however not as easy to do with online learning; also challenges with lesson time (ie. a lesson might seem like it will be something that will only take an hour however in reality is closer to 2 to 3 hours); feedback from families has been helpful & appreciated by teachers/admin as they work through these challenges; teachers starting to introducing virtual sessions/online chat to connect with students; lessons will still come out weekly but expectation is only to work through them as you can
 - 3.2.2. K to grade 3 are learning through the Weebly website while grades 4 thru 8 are utilizing Google classroom
 - 3.2.3. Concerns from some families about the difficulties in helping their children with FI work and what this will mean next year. Admin/teachers recognize that additional support will be needed next year, especially with french language. "Summer slip" happens every year ~ assessment occurs at the start of the school year to see where students are and what gaps need to be addressed before moving into the curriculum for their current grade year. LEFI program uses a neurolinguistic approach in teaching the students FI ~ anticipate seeing this being used throughout all grade levels next year to bring kids up to speed

Questions:

JoAnn ~ current modelling shows a potential for a second wave -> any discussion as of yet on what happens if we don't go back in Sept?

Paul ~ is on the radar but nothing concrete determined; will likely see more information on this beginning/mid August

Maxine ~ any expectation to return this year?

Paul ~ hard to think we will be back before the end of June at this point

- 3.2.4. Online registration for LEFI ~ opened right when school cancelled therefore will be kept open longer on account of this; kindergarten/preschool ~ registration numbers as expected
- 3.2.5. Details on Academy programming for next year (should we return to normal) to be coming out in the next few weeks
- 3.2.6. May 4th ~ are you returning questionnaire will be online for parents/guardians to complete for the next school year
- 3.2.7. Many parents concerned about issues around children's level of French comprehension ~ this is ok as students are not bilingual yet; high level skill, comprehension/translation is one of the hardest skills to acquire especially when not in an immersive environment; teachers expect this
- 3.2.8. Paul has accepted a position as Director of Student Support and will be transitioning to the role for the 2020/21 school year. Recruitment and interview process has begun for a new principal at Ecole Montrose
- 3.2.9. Course selection for Grade 8s ~ information should be out tomorrow

3.3. *Chair report*

- 3.3.1. ASCA has their AGM this weekend ~ will be held virtually in light of current circumstances but will not be voting on Advocacy resolutions at this time
- 3.3.2. Joanne motioned for Dawn to be the voting rep for Ecole Montrose School Council, Mel seconded

4. Old Business

- 4.1. ASCA AGM Update

5. New business

- 5.1. ASCA Credential Designation
- 5.2. School Community page ~ ensure we are directing people to the school/admin for any school specific questions or concerns

6. Round Table - nothing

7. Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

8. Adjournment ~ 7:43 pm